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REPORT

OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures

OF THE

Town of Middleton

FOR THE

Year Ending December 31, 1954

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Town Meeting Warrant

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Essex, ss. To either of the Constables of the Town of Middleton in the County of Essex: GREETING.

In the name of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of said Town, qualified to vote in elections and in Town affairs, to meet at the Howe-Manning School Auditorium in said Middleton on Tuesday the fifteenth day of March next, at eight o'clock in the afternoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefore payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 3. To see what action the Town will take to defray the Town Expenses for the ensuing year.

ARTICLE 4. To see if the Town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use $12,000.00 from available funds to reduce the tax rate.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 41, Section 100 A of the General Laws of Massachusetts Ter. Cent. Ed. as amended which enables the Town to make an appropriation for the Indemnification of Officers or Employees for damages to others incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of Town owned vehicles.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $640.00 for the purpose of reimbursing Allan Marshall for a property damage claim against him by one, Edward Marchewka, while said Marshall was engaged in the business of the Town.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the purpose of reimbursing Allan Marshall for personal injury claims against him by Edward Marchewka and Mary Marchesini while the said Allan Marshall was engaged in the business of the Town.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the Town, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5 (1), will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance for the protection of any officer or employee, or volunteer driver approved by the Selectmen, against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others caused by the operation, within the scope of his duties or employment, of motor vehicles owned by the Town.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Honor Roll Committee to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,600.00 to erect a monument for World War II Veterans.

ARTICLE 10. On petition of Joseph S. Connor, and others, to see if the Town will accept portions of the streets, namely, Curtis Avenue, Phaneuf Street, north portion, beginning at a point at the intersection with Boston Street and extending easterly for a distance of three hundred feet. Phaneuf Street, south portion beginning at a point at the intersection of Boston Street and extending easterly for a distance of six hundred feet as shown on a plan entitled Subdivision Plan in Middleton for Wm. V. Heard, Esquire.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the Town will permit the Middleton Historical Society the use of the former Town jail as a museum as long as the Society maintains it as such; said Society to undertake such repairs as are necessary to make the building usable for this purpose.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the Town will give the bell formerly hung in the old fire house to the Middleton Historical Society for preservation as an object of historical interest to the Town.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the Town will vote to raise the sum of $1,800.00 to buy the following radio equipment, three (3) mobile units, and one (1) remote control unit. This amount to be taken from available funds.

ARTICLE 14. On petition of the Finance Committee to see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to the office of Town Counsel for the ensuing year at a salary of $600.00 in accordance with Section 4 A of Chapter 41 (Ter. Ed.) of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Electric Light Commissioners, or its Agent, to hire one of its members from time to time as a lineman at an hourly salary of $1.55 in accordance with Section 4A of Chapter 41 (Ter. Ed.) of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 16. On peition of the Howe-Manning School Parent-Teachers Association, to see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for a summer recreational program to be administered by the Park Department.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $775.00 which together with the exchange value of the present 1953 Ford Police Car is to be expended for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser for the use of the Police Department, to be purchased by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adopting the proposed amendments thereto set forth in a publication entitled "Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Town of Middleton", referred to in the notice of public hearing thereon, and distributed to all voters in connection with said notice, including amendments to the zoning districts shown on a new zoning map entitled "Zoning District Map of the Town of Middleton," dated July 1954, also referred to in said notice, and displayed at said hearing and at the office of the Town Clerk prior thereto; or take any other action relative thereto according to the recommendation of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend the Building By-Laws by striking out Sections 8 through 10, inclusive, and substituting a new section 10 therefor as set forth in a publication entitled "Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Town of Middleton," distribluted to all voters; or take any other action relative thereto, according to the recommendation of the Planning Board.

ARTICLE 20. To see what action the Town will take to appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 to provide off the street parking in front of the school building — area to be hot-topped and a curb provided approximately twenty feet beyond the sidewalk from Park Street to the school driveway.

ARTICLE 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $500.00 to erect a Civil Defense Ground Observer Post in accordance with the Committee's report.

To transact any other business that may lawfully come before this meeting.

You are hereby ordered to notify and warn said qualified voters to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, March 21 next for the following purposes, viz: To choose by ballot the following Town Officers for the ensuing year: Moderator, Town Clerk, one Selectman for three years, one Selectman for two years (to fill vacancy of unexpired term), one Assessor for three years, one member of the Board of Puhlic Welfare for three years, Highway Surveyor, Tax Collector, Tree Warden, Constable, Superintendent of Burials, one Electric Light Commissioner for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, two Trustees of the Flint Public Library for three years, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one member of the Planning Board for five years, one member of the Planning Board for one year (to fill vacancy of unexpired term). Also to vote on Question No. 1.

"Shall an act passed by the general court in the year nineteen hundred and fifty-five, entitled 'An Act relative to the tenure of office of the chief of police of the town of Middleton' be accepted?"

Yes ☐ No ☐

The polls will be open at 7:00 A.M. and shall be closed at 7:00 P.M.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting up attested copies thereof at Memorial Hall, Post Office and Store at Howe's Station in said Town, seven days at least before the time of holding said meeting.

HEREOF FAIL NOT, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, as aforesaid.

Given under our hands this twenty-third day of February in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and fifty-five.

DAVID BURNS, Chairman
DANIEL J. DONOVAN, Clerk
WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.
Selectmen of Middleton

A true copy. Attest:

JAMES W. WENTWORTH, Constable

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Massachusetts

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Town Officers Elected 1954

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Moderator

Elmer P. Morrill

Town Clerk

Alton W. Hubbard

Selectmen and Board of Health

David Burns, Chairman (1955)
Daniel J. Donovan, 1956 Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr., 1957

Board of Public Welfare

Charles Pasquale, Chairman (1957)
Leslie E. Merrifield (1956) Leyland A. Phillips (1955)

Board of Assessors

Paul B. Wake, Chairman (1957)
Daniel J. Donovan (1955) Resigned
Wilbur A. Witham (1956) Ernest F. LeBeau (1955)

Treasurer

Edward H. Leary (1956)

Tax Collector

Harold E. Tyler

Highway Surveyor

John J. Hocter

Constable

James W. Wentworth

School Committee

Eben L. Jewett, Chairman (1955)
Rosamond L. Bastable, Clerk (1955) Henry F. Luscomb (1957)
Harold F. Purdy (1956) Elmer P. Morrill (1957)

Electric Light Commissioners

Frank E. Dow, Chairman (1955)
John Muzichuk (1957) George W. Nash, Clerk (1956)

Cemetery Commissioners

Richard N. Maxwell (1957)
Lawrence E. Tinkham, Jr. (1956) Michael Lavorgna (1955)

Superintendent of Burials

Charles W. Baker

Tree Warden

Clarence Osgood

Planning Board

Arthur S. Tuttle, Chairman (1956)
Frank Silva (1958) Roger L. Pennell, Clerk (1957)
Joseph E. LeBlanc (1955) Louis Barrett (1959)

Trustees Flint Public Library

William H. Sanborn, Chairman (1957)
William T. Martin (1956) Paul B. Wake (1956)
Thomas J. Oliver (1955) Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. (1955)
Carl C. Jones (1957)

Custodian of Town Hall

James H. Ogden

Town Officers Appointed 1954

Registrars of Voters

Ernest P. Goodale, Chairman (1956)
Frederick C. Jones (1955) Lloyd H. Getchell (1957)
Alton W. Hubbard, Clerk (Ex-Officio)

Zoning Appeal Board

William H. Sanborn, Chairman (1959)

William T. Martin (1956) — Chester K. Masse (1957)

Beaumont Hurd (1955) — Manuel Gilboard (1958)

Finance Committee

Elmer C. McIntyre, Chairman (1955)

Hazen M. Richardson (1955) — Richard Cressey (1957)

Frederick C. Jones (1957) — Donald A. Aylward, Clerk (1956)

Chief of Police

James W. Wentworth

Sealer of Weights and Measures

Joseph Beggs

Inspector of Cattle

Philip H. Dearth

Inspector of Slaughtering

Roland Larocque

Town Accountant

Elmer O. Campbell (1957)

Forest Fire Warden

Harold F. Purdy

Chief of Fire Department

Harold F. Purdy

Superintendent of Cemeteries

Charles W. Baker

Moth Superintendent

Clarence Osgood

Electric Light Manager

Robert F. Thomas

Town Counsel

James J. Gaffney

Welfare Agent

Phyllis R. Brown

Building Inspector

Earl F. Jones

Wire Inspector

Harold Murphy

Veterans Agent

James H. Ogden

TRUSTEES

B. F. Emerson Fund

Naumkeag Trust Company, Salem, Mass.

Roger F. Clapp — Harley M. Tyler

Paul B. Wake — William H. Sanborn

Mansfield Fund

Old Colony Trust Company, Boston, Mass.

David Cummings Fund

Board of Public Welfare

Annual Report

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Town Accountant

1954

ANNUAL REPORT
RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES
Year Ending Dec. 31, 1954

RECEIPTS

GENERAL REVENUE

TAXES:		
CURRENT YEAR		
Property	$ 158,371.75	
Poll	1,424.00	
Loss of Taxes	3,311.86	
PREVIOUS YEARS		
Property	7,617.33	
FROM THE STATE		
Corporation	11,552.80	
Income	700.00	
		$182,977.74
LICENSES AND PERMITS:		
Liquor	2,800.00	
All other	276.50	
Building	204.00	
		3,280.50
FINES:		
District Court	180.00	
		180.00
GRANTS AND GIFTS:		
FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT		
Old Age Assistance	19,521.71	
Aid Dependent Children	3,666.78	
Disability Assistance	393.70	
School Lunches	3,976.18	
		27,558.37

FROM STATE FOR EDUCATION		
Support of Schools	23,935.93	
Vocational Education	976.78	
High School Transportation	8,837.70	
Union Superintendency	1,775.37	
Construction School Addition	5,173.84	
		40,698.62
FROM STATE FOR OTHER PURPOSES		
Highway (Chapter 81)	6,533.60	
Inspector of Animals	100.00	
Meal Tax	1,149.92	
		7,783.52
FROM COUNTY		
Dog Licenses	772.47	
		772.47
ALL OTHER GENERAL REVENUE		
Tax Possessions	50.79	
		50.79
PRIVILEGES		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	24,048.11	
		24,048.11
		$287,351.12

DEPARTMENTAL

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

EXECUTIVE:	
Selectmen	48.00
FINANCIAL:	
Treasurer	9.75
Collector	52.50
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS:	
Town Hall	269.00
Memorial Hall	1,020.00
	1,289.00

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:		
Police	14.50	
Fire—Sale of Old Station	227.50	
Sealing of Weights and Measures	86.60	
Dog Officer	39.00	
		367.60
HEALTH:		
Dental Clinic	266.00	
		266.00
HIGHWAYS:		
Chapter 90 Construction	6,000.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	1,000.00	
Truck and Machinery Rental	5,244.77	
Snow and Ice Removal	132.00	
Sale Junk	34.23	
		12,411.00
CHARITIES:		
PUBLIC WELFARE		
From Individuals	168.00	
From Cities and Towns	540.07	
From State	307.36	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN		
From State	1,874.22	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR OLD AGE ASSISTANCE		
From Cities and Towns	2,610.89	
From State	22,267.50	
REIMBURSEMENT FOR DISABILITY ASSISTANCE		
From State	619.61	
		28,387.65
VETERANS' SERVICES:		
From State	2,852.49	
		2,852.49

SCHOOLS:

Tuition, Transportation State Wards	2,017.60	
Tuition, Youth Service Board	244.51	
Sale of Supplies	7.77	
Hall Rental	97.00	
Lunches	10,592.53	
		12,959.41

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:

Sale of Light and Power	121,345.06	
Miscellaneous	335.63	
Depreciation Fund	4,199.77	
		125,880.46

CEMETERIES:

Sale of Lots and Graves	80.00	
Opening Graves	833.00	
Care of Endowed Lots	721.00	
Insurance (Damage)	250.00	
		1,884.00

INTEREST:

On Deposits	800.40	
On Deferred Taxes	265.91	
On Excise Taxes	50.96	
Mansfield Fund	1,420.00	
		2,537.27

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Unpaid Warrants	50.81	
		50.81

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Beverage License	10.00	
Dog Licenses	1,026.40	
Perpetual Care Funds	970.00	
Withholding Taxes	11,307.50	
Retirement Fund	2,554.20	
Blue Cross	1,729.95	
Meter Deposit	460.00	
		18,058.05

REFUNDS:

General Departments	149.44	
		149.44

Total Receipts	494,554.55
Cash Balance January 1, 1954	152,212.24
	$646,766.79

EXPENDITURES

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

MODERATOR

Salary		
Wilbur A. Witham	10.50	
Elmer P. Morrill	39.50	
		50.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

Association Dues	10.00	
Expenses	5.30	
		15.30

SELECTMEN

Salaries

Wibur C. Rundlett, Jr.	300.00	
Daniel J. Donovan	237.50	
David Burns	237.50	
James E. Coffin	62.50	
Willis W. Estey	62.50	
		900.00

Expenses

Clerk	250.00	
Supplies and Printing	95.45	
Advertisements	158.10	
Postage	27.58	
Essex Street Water	43.70	
Association Dues	34.00	
Mileage	54.00	
Miscellaneous	45.82	
1951-52-53 Bill	80.00	
		788.65
		—1,688.65

ACCOUNTANT

Salary

Elmer O. Campbell		900.00

Expenses

Postage and Supplies	52.51	
Association Dues	3.00	
		55.51
		955.51

TREASURER

Salary			
Edward H. Leary		900.00	
Expenses			
Supplies	96.71		
Postage	143.10		
Mileage and Expenses	125.80		
Clerical Assistance	200.00		
Bank Charges	26.00		
Association Dues	2.00		
Office Equipment	65.00		
		658.61	
Tax Title Expenses			
Registry of Deeds	5.25		
Counsel Expenses	280.00		
		285.25	
			1,843.86

TAX COLLECTOR

Salary			
Harold E. Tyler		900.00	
Expenses			
Supplies and Expenses	250.96		
Postage	170.15		
Tax Takings	43.60		
Deputy Collectors Fees	13.50		
Clerical Assistance	125.00		
Mileage—Telephone	104.39		
Association Dues	2.00		
		709.60	
			1,609.60

ASSESSORS

Salaries			
Paul B. Wake	525.00		
Wilbur A. Witham	391.82		
Ernest LeBeau	303.48		
Daniel J. Donovan	180.54		
William G. Birch	99.16		
		1,500.00	
Expenses			
Supplies and Postage	133.34		
Abstracts	83.33		
Mileage—Expenses	105.00		
Clerical Services	195.00		
Association Dues	9.00		
Office Expenses	89.33		
Office Equipment	135.00		
		750.00	
			2,250.00

LAW

Salary			
James J. Gaffney, Counsel		600.00	
Expenses			
Court Fees		14.85	
			614.85

TOWN CLERK

Salary			
Elmer P. Morrill	100.00		
Alton W. Hubbard	300.00		
		400.00	
Expenses			
Telephone and Postage	44.54		
Supplies	213.01		
Association Dues	7.50		
Office Equipment	72.43		
		337.48	
			737.48

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS

Salaries—Registrars			
Ernest P. Goodale	55.00		
Lloyd H. Getchell	55.00		
Alton W. Hubbard	40.00		
Frederick Jones	10.00		
Elmer P. Morrill	15.00		
		175.00	
Expenses			
Election Officers	428.75		
Lunches	66.09		
Printing and Supplies	199.12		
		693.96	
			888.96

PLANNING BOARD

Expenses			
Survey	1,925.00		
Services	68.50		
Supplies—Postage	193.00		
Association Dues	12.50		
Office Equipment	76.60		
		2,275.60	
			2,275.60

TOWN HALL

Salary			
James H. Ogden		480.00	
Expenses			
Fuel and Light	466.66		
Repairs	151.78		
Supplies	22.30		
Water	7.20		
		647.94	
			1,127.94

MEMORIAL HALL

Salary			
Charles S. Clinch, Jr.	240.00		
Harvey Sutherland	120.00		
		360.00	
Expenses			
Fuel and Light	1,426.82		
Water and Telephone	161.75		
Repairs	364.18		
Supplies	16.33		
Painting	700.00		
		2,669.08	
			3,029.08
Total—General Government			$ 17,066.83

PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

CONSTABLE'S SALARY

James W. Wentworth	35.00	
		35.00

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Salaries and Wages		
James H. Wentworth, Chief	3,900.00	
Lloyd H. Getchell	900.80	
Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.	714.55	
Joseph Peters	181.50	
Harold Moore	146.85	
William C. Pennock	81.95	
Charles Pasquale	9.90	
Arthur Doane	8.80	
Harold F. Purdy	3.85	
		5,948.20
Expenses		
Gasoline—Oil—Repairs	1,411.01	
Office Expenses—Telephone	327.71	
Supplies	63.44	
Equipment	168.90	
Association Dues	5.00	
		1,976.06
		7,924.26

CIVIL DEFENSE

Expenses		
Equipment	338.57	
Telephone	68.48	
		407.05
		407.05

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Salaries			
Chief	300.00		
Deputy	75.00		
Captain	50.00		
Lieutenants (4)	140.00		
Forest Warden	50.00		
Firemen	480.00		
		1,095.00	
Expenses			
Wages	986.15		
Gasoline and Oil	242.19		
Equipment and Repairs	1,134.05		
Fire Alarm	548.14		
Fuel and Light	716.16		
Building Maintenance	306.69		
Office Expenses—Telephone	403.11		
Insurance	220.15		
Supplies	18.00		
		4,574.64	
			5,669.64

BUILDING INSPECTION

Salary			
Earl F. Jones, Inspector		400.00	
Expenses			
Mileage	86.80		
Postage—Telephone	13.20		
		100.00	
			500.00

BOARD OF APPEALS

Expenses			
Advertisements	55.50		
Postage—Supplies	55.10		
Clerical Services	37.50		
Office Equipment	86.90		
		235.00	
			235.00

WIRE INSPECTOR

Salary			
Frank E. Dow, Inspector	50.00		
Harold Murphy, Inspector	150.00		
		200.00	
Expenses			
Printing—Supplies	19.50		
Mileage—Telephone—Postage	30.50		
		50.00	
			250.00

SEALING OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary			
Joseph Begg, Sealer		125.00	
Expenses			
Supplies	328.54		
Transportation	25.00		
		353.54	
			478.54

MOTH DEPARTMENT

Wages			
Labor		961.56	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	127.50		
Equipment Hire	24.00		
Supplies	467.56		
Trailer for Sprayer	250.00		
		869.06	
			1,830.62

TREE WARDEN

Wages			
Labor		1,471.11	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	266.50		
Equipment Hire	82.00		
Supplies	139.63		
Dues	5.00		
		493.13	
			1,964.24

DUTCH ELM DISEASE CONTROL

Wages			
Labor		352.00	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	134.00		
Supplies	4.45		
		138.45	
			490.45

POISON IVY CONTROL

Wages			
Labor		102.50	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	33.00		
Supplies	47.70		
		80.70	
			183.20

DOG OFFICER

Salary			
James H. Wentworth		100.00	
Expenses			
Care and disposing of dogs		182.00	
			282.00
Total—Protection of Persons and Property			$ 20,250.00

HEALTH AND SANITATION

HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Salaries			
Leyland A. Phillips, Agent	75.00		
Mary Wilson, Asst. Agent	20.00		
		95.00	
Expenses			
Mileage	5.96		
Care of Dump	1,498.50		
Vital Statistics	220.00		
X-Rays	2.00		
		1,726.46	
			1,821.46

DENTAL CLINIC

Expenses			
Services Dentist	1,160.00		
Materals and Equipment	93.29		
			1,253.29

INSPECTOR OF CATTLE

Salary			
Philip H. Dearth		200.00	
			200.00

INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Salary			
Philip H. Dearth	6.25		
Roland Larocque	18.75		
		25.00	
			25.00

ESSEX SANATORIUM ASSESSMENT

Essex County Treasurer		2,123.69	
			2,123.69
Total—Health and Sanitation			$ 5,423.44

HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Wages			
Labor		2,694.55	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	632.58		
Supplies	1,084.01		
Asphalt	154.01		
Signs	308.97		
Office Expense	52.12		
1953 Bill	81.00		
		2,382.69	
			5,007.24

CHAPTER 81—MAINTENANCE

Wages			
Labor		5,749.80	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	1,852.20		
Equipment Hire	1,915.00		
Asphalt	2,525.15		
Sand and Gravel	879.12		
Supplies	502.88		
Office Expense—Telephone	175.85		
		7,850.20	
			13,600.00

CHAPTER 90—MAINTENANCE

Wages			
Labor		594.80	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	339.57		
Equipment Hire	553.00		
Asphalt	1,240.09		
Sand and Stone	272.54		
		2,405.20	
			3,000.00

CHAPTER 90—CONSTRUCTION

Wages			
Labor		2,261.20	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	787.80		
Equipment Hire	758.00		
Asphalt	234.83		
Gravel	386.90		
		2,167.53	
			4,428.73

SNOW REMOVAL

Wages			
Labor		2,410.59	
Expenses			
Truck Hire	2,338.00		
Repairs and Supplies	601.28		
Sand and Salt	1,706.28		
State Highway	6.11		
		4,651.67	
			7,062.26

ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT

Gasoline and Oil	1,623.91	
Parts and Repairs	1,346.39	
Storage ..	825.00	
Insurance and Registration	69.81	
Supplies	253.66	
Equipment	375.00	
		4,493.77

HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT

Pickup Truck	1,400.00	
Power Sander	1,332.80	
		2,732.80

STREET LIGHTING

Middleton Electric Light Dept.	3,500.00	
		3,500.00

ESSEX STREET LAND TAKINGS

W. J. Sullivan and J. R. Tansey	50.00		
John and Nellie J. Muzichuck	1.00		
James W. and W. G. Wentworth	1.00		
Laura B. Tuxburg	1.00		
A. W. and H. M. Parrish	1.00		
Edward E. Bryer	1.00		
Est. of C. M. and G. H. Groce	1.00		
Eugene L. Marshall	1.00		
New England Power Co.	1.00		
A. H. and H. D. Stone	1.00		
A. E. Grimes and Nellie McManus	1.00		
Goodwin Anderson	1.00		
A. P. and C. V. Fontaine	1.00		
Kenneth O. Wilson	1.00		
Helen L. Wilcox	1.00		
Perley and P. E. Lovelace	1.00		
		65.00	
			65.00

Total—Highways	$ 43,889.80

CHARITIES

PUBLIC WELFARE

Salaries			
Charles Pasquale	200.00		
Leyland A. Phillips	250.00		
Leslie E. Merrifield	200.00		
		650.00	
Expenses			
Administration	56.41		
Cash Payments	618.07		
Groceries—Fuel	659.15		
Medical Aid	220.72		
Other Cities and Towns	3,051.00		
		4,605.35	
			5,255.35

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Administration			
Central Essex Welfare District		618.00	
Aid			
Cash	48,550.98		
Other Cities and Towns	2,232.66		
		50,783.64	
			51,401.64

AID DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Aid			
Cash		8,077.94	
			8,077.94

DISABILITY ASSISTANCE

Aid			
Cash		1,287.34	
			1,287.34
Total—Charities			$ 66,022.27

VETERANS' SERVICES

Salary			
James H. Ogden, Agent		250.00	
Expense			
Association Dues		5.00	
Aid			
Cash	3,876.65		
Fuel and Rent	576.72		
Groceries	30.00		
Medical Aid	1,781.71		
		6,265.08	
Total—Veterans Services			6,520.08

SCHOOLS

Salaries			
	Teachers and Supervisors	54,509.04	
	Superintendent	1,349.91	
	Doctor	500.00	
	Nurse	1,226.00	
	Janitor	2,864.00	
	Attendance Officer	125.00	
	Census	100.00	
	Clerks	1,025.16	
			61,699.11
Expenses			
	Superintendent Expenses	474.07	
	Superintendent		
	Out of State Travel	75.00	
	Office Expenses	309.67	
	Books and Supplies	3,722.09	
	Building Maintenance	3,211.87	
	Fuel and Light	3,594.48	
	Transportation	13,223.75	
	Tuition	25,237.26	
	Furnishings	653.84	
			50,502.03

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION

Expenses			
	Tuition	974.62	
	Transportation	232.50	
			1,207.12
	Total Education		113,408.26

SCHOOL LUNCH

Expenses			
	Labor and Supplies	13,054.07	
			13,054.07

LIBRARY

Salaries			
On Order		1,400.00	
Expenses			
On Order		2,371.69	
Total—Library			$ 3,771.69

For complete report see Trustees Report

RECREATION

PARK

Wages			
Labor		569.55	
Expenses			
Supplies	79.81		
Storage	50.00		
Spraying	60.00		
Truck Hire	32.00		
Water	6.80		
Equipment	127.86		
		356.47	
			926.02

CHRISTMAS TREE LIGHTS

Middleton Electric Light Dept.		67.65	
			67.65
Total—Recreation			$ 993.67

UNCLASSIFIED

INSURANCE

Workmen's Compensation and Public Liability	778.05	
Buildings—Blanket Policy	1,360.00	
Vehicles—Fire and Theft	72.05	
School Liability	27.30	
Clerk's Bond	7.50	
Collector's Bond and Burglary Insurance	216.52	
Treasurer's Bond and Burglary Insurance	153.28	
		2,614.70

MEMORIAL DAY

Band	190.00	
Flowers, Wreaths, Flags	78.00	
Speaker and Music	45.00	
Refreshments	53.11	
Printing	10.00	
		376.11

PRINTING TOWN REPORTS

Printing	871.00	
Delivering	55.60	
		926.60

MANSFIELD FUND

Concerts	165.00	
Picnic	682.00	
Thanksgiving and Christmas	234.00	
		1,081.00

WATER FOR SCOUT CABIN

Drilling Well	1,500.00

HURRICANE DAMAGE

Labor	4,344.53	
Truck and Equipment Hire	6,436.68	
Stump Removal Contract	2,125.00	
		12,906.21

FIRE-HIGHWAY BUILDING

Conti & Donahue, Contractor	43,787.14	
Ray Thibedeau, Architect	846.60	
Equipment	1,707.04	
Hot Top	639.25	
Labor	299.80	
Advertisements	133.88	
		47,413.71

Total—Unclassified $ 66,818.33

PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Salaries		
Commissioners		
Frank E. Dow	100.00	
George W. Nash	100.00	
John Muzichuk	75.00	
Charles G. Bates	25.00	
Manager		
Robert F. Thomas	5,200.00	
Clerk	2,080.00	
		7,580.00

MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION

Energy		
Essex County Electric Co.	72,908.14	
Danvers Electric Light Dept.	185.28	
		73,093.42
Wages		
Labor		14,219.10
Expenses		
Poles and Wire	4,285.04	
Meters and Transformers	4,003.71	
Street Light Equipment	2,271.59	
Miscellaneous Equipment	106.57	
Substation Maintenance	280.96	
Supplies	3,343.45	
Transformer Maintenance	252.65	
Street Light Maintenance	242.01	
Office Expenses	1,333.27	
Insurance	1,201.67	
Truck Maintenance	1,161.46	
Depreciation	4,199.77	
Line Clearance	2,986.95	
Petty Cash Advance	50.00	
		25,719.10

DEPRECIATION FUND

Labor (Hurricane)	2,771.90		
Materials (Hurricane)	1,111.15		
Poles	761.00		
		4,644.05	
Total—Public Service Enterprises			$125,255.67

CEMETERIES

Salaries			
Commissioners			
Richard N. Maxwell	20.00		
Michael Lavorgna	20.00		
Lawrence Tinkham	15.00		
Supt. of Burials			
Charles W. Baker	30.00		
		85.00	
Expenses			
Labor	3,922.20		
Truck Hire	200.00		
Supplies	89.98		
Water	8.80		
Equipment	63.70		
Opening Graves	776.90		
Hot Topping Avenues	486.55		
		5,548.13	
Total—Cemeteries			$ 5,633.13

MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

LOANS

School Construction Loan	2,000.00	
School Addition Loan	10,000.00	
Fire-Highway Building Loan	5,000.00	
		17,000.00

INTEREST

School Construction Loan	120.00	
School Addition Loan	2,765.00	
Fire-Highway Building Loan	843.75	
		3,728.75
Total—Municipal Indebtedness		$ 20,728.75

AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Auditing Municipal Accounts	65.99	
State Parks and Reservations	535.82	
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moth Control	486.61	
County Tax	7,028.91	
Dog Licenses to County	1,026.40	
Withholding Tax Deductions	11,307.50	
Retirement Fund Deductions	2,554.20	
Retirement Fund Assessment	3,192.15	
Blue Cross Deductions	1,729.95	
Meter Deposits	615.00	
Beverage License	10.00	
Previous Warrants	1,131.31	
		29,683.84

TRUST

Deposit of Cemetery Endowment Funds	970.00	
Total—Agency and Trust		$ 30,653.84

REFUNDS

1953 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	65.23		
1954 Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	539.95		
1954 Poll Tax	12.00		
1954 Real Estate Tax	261.45		
School Department	20.00		
		898.63	
			898.63
Total Expenditures			540,388.46
Cash Balance December 31, 1954			106,378.33
			$646,766.79

TRANSFERS FROM RESERVE FUND

Town Reports	26.60	
Town Counsel Expenses	14.85	
Elections and Registrations	100.00	
Planning Board Expense	150.60	
Town Clerk's Expense	275.00	
Police Expenses	150.00	
Police Wages	50.00	
Opening Graves	31.90	
Veterans Aid	265.08	
Selectmen's Expense	8.65	
		1,072.68

Recapitulation of Departmental Appropriation Transfer and Expenditures

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
DECEMBER 31, 1954				
Moderator, Salary		$50.00	$50.00	
Finance Committee, Expenses		30.00	15.30	14.70
Selectmen, Salaries		900.00	900.00	
Clerk Salary		250.00	250.00	
Expenses	450.00			
Transfer	8.65	458.65	458.65	
51-52-53 Bill		80.00	80.00	
Accountant, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses		100.00	55.51	44.49
Treasury, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses		667.00	658.61	8.39
Tax Title Expenses		500.00	285.25	214.75
Collector, Salary		900.00	900.00	
Expenses		715.00	709.60	5.40
Assessors, Salary		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Expenses		750.00	750.00	
Counsel, Salary		600.00	600.00	
Expenses		14.85	14.85	
Town Clerk, Salary		400.00	400.00	
Expenses	100.00			
Transfer	275.00	375.00	337.48	37.52
Elections & Registrations, Salaries		220.00	175.00	45.00
Expenses	600.00			
Transfer	100.00	700.00	693.96	6.04
Planning Board				
Expenses	200.00			
Transfer	150.60	350.60	350.60	
Survey		1,925.00	1,925.00	
Town Hall, Salary		480.00	480.00	
Expenses		650.00	647.94	2.06
Memorial Hall, Salary		360.00	360.00	
Expenses		2,000.00	1,969.08	30.92
Special		700.00	700.00	
Constable, Salary		35.00	35.00	

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Police Chief, Salary		3,900.00	3,900.00	
Wages	2,000.00			
Transfer	50.00	2,050.00	2,048.20	1.80
Expenses	1,837.00			
Transfer	150.00	1,987.00	1,976.06	10.94
Civil Defense		437.86	407.05	30.81
Fire, Salaries		1,115.00	1,095.00	20.00
Expenses		4,630.00	4,574.64	55.36
Building Inspector, Salary		400.00	400.00	
Expenses		100.00	100.00	
Board of Appeals, Expenses		235.00	235.00	
Wire Inspector, Salary		200.00	200.00	
Expenses		50.00	50.00	
Sealer of Weights and Measures				
Salary		125.00	125.00	
Expenses		532.00	353.54	178.46
Moth, Expenses		1,500.00	1,499.98	.02
Tree Warden, Expenses		1,000.00	1,000.00	
Special		2,000.00	964.24	1,035.76*
Dutch Elm Disease Control		500.00	490.45	9.55
Poison Ivy Control		200.00	183.20	16.80
Trailer for Sprayer		250.00	250.00	
Dog Officer, Salary		100.00	100.00	
Expenses		200.00	182.00	18.00
Board of Health, Salaries		120.00	95.00	25.00
Expenses		1,900.00	1,726.46	173.54
Dental Clinic, Expenses		1,300.00	1,253.29	46.71
Inspector of Slaughtering, Salary		25.00	25.00	
Inspector of Cattle, Salary		200.00	200.00	
Road Machinery Fund				
Balance	4,798.06			
Receipts	5,244.77	10,042.83	5,193.77	4,849.06*
Highway Pick-up Truck		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Sander		1,400.00	1,332.80	67.20
Power Sweeper		700.00		700.00*
Expenses		5,000.00	4,926.24	73.76
Chapter 81				
Maintenance	4,800.00			
State	8,800.00	13,600.00	13,600.00	
Chapter 90				
Maintenance	2,000.00			
State	1,000.00	3,000.00	3,000.00	

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Chapter 90				
Construction	3,068.12			
State and				
County	6,000.00	11,068.12	4,428.73	6,639.39*
Peabody St. Bridge	1,500.00			
State and				
County	4,500.00	6,000.00		6,000.00*
Snow		7,500	7,062.26	437.74
Essex St. Land Takings		889.95	65.00	824.95*
Street Layout Survey		773.60		773.60*
Street Lighting		3,500.00	3,500.00	
1953 Highway Bill		81.00	81.00	
Public Welfare, Salaries		650.00	650.00	
Expenses		7,500.00	4,605.35	894.65
Old Age Assistance				
Aid	26,100.00			
Refunds	38.30	26,138.30	26,138.30	
Federal Grant		24,702.51	24,645.34	57.17*
Aid Dependent Children				
Aid		5,500.00	4,317.59	182.41
Federal Grant		4,823.08	3,760.35	1,062.73*
Disability Assistance				
Aid	2,200.00			
Refund	30.50	2,230.50	1,105.58	124.92
Federal Grant		562.63	181.76	380.87*
Central Essex Welfare District		618.00	618.00	
Veterans Agent, Salary				
Expenses				
Veterans Aid	6,000.00			
Transfer	265.08	6,265.08	6,265.08	
School Salaries		62,564.00	61,699.11	564.89
Expenses		54,996.25	50,427.03	4,569.22
Superintendent				
Out of State Travel		75.00	75.00	
Lunches		15,584.43	13,054.07	2,530.86*
Building Survey		1,000.00		1,000.00*
Vocational Education		2,500.00	1,207.12	792.88
Library, Salaries		1,400.00	1,400.00	
Expenses		2,372.47	2,371.69	.78
Park, Expenses		800.00	798.16	1.84
Equipment		150.00	127.86	22.14
Fire-Highway Building		61,185.35	47,413.71	13,771.64*

		Appropriation Transfers	Expended	Unexpended Balance
Retirement Assessment		3,192.15	3,192.15	
Hurricane Damage Special		13,000.00	12,906.21	93.79
Memorial Day		400.00	376.11	23.89
Town Reports	900.00			
Transfer	26.60	926.60	926.60	
Insurance		4,050.00	2,614.70	35.30
Christmas Tree Lighting		75.00	67.65	7.35
Water for Scout Cabin		1,500.00	1,500.00	
Electric Light, Salaries		7,580.00	7,580.00	
Wages		15,226.00	14,219.10	1,006.90
Energy		73,500.00	73,093.42	406.58
Expenses		18,500.00	18,482.38	17.62
Line Clearance		3,000.00	2,986.95	13.05
Depreciation		7,798.25	4,644.05	3,154.20*
Cemeteries, Salaries		90.00	85.00	5.00
Expenses	3,495.00			
Income	721.00	4,216.00	4,215.98	.02
Graves	750.00			
Transfer	31.90	81.90	781.90	
Equipment		98.36	63.70	34.66
Hot Top		500.00	486.55	13.45
Municipal Indebtedness Loans		17,000.00	17,000.00	
Interest		3,752.50	3,728.75	23.75

* Balances carried forward

Balance Sheet 1954

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1954—GENERAL ACCOUNTS

ASSETS

Cash	$106,378.33	
Petty Cash Advances	200.00	$106,578.33
ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE		
Taxes — 1954		
Personal Property	441.46	
Real Estate	15,435.06	
Motor Vehicle Excise	4,373.04	20,249.56
Tax Titles and Possessions		
Tax Titles	3,193.95	
Tax Possessions	2,873.56	6,067.51
Departmental		
Public Welfare	136.03	
Aid Dependent Children	1,177.27	1,313.30
Municipal Light		
Rates	7,246.08	
Miscellaneous	33.44	7,279.53
Aid to Highways		
State	16,800.00	
County	3,500.00	20,300.00
Deficit—1954 Overlay		343.78
		$162,132.00

LIABILITIES

Lands Low Value		$ 246.47
Lots and Graves Fund		485.00
Mansfield Fund Interest		480.19
Road Machinery Fund		4,849.06
Electric Light Dept.		
Meter Deposits	930.00	
Depreciation Fund	3,154.20	
Surplus	3,620.72	7,704.92
Appropriation balances		34,776.97
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		3,365.55
Reserve for Petty Cash Advances		200.00
Tailings—Uncashed checks		148.61
School Addition Balance		402.01
Revenue reserved until collected		
Departmental	1,313.30	
Tax Titles	6,067.51	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	4,373.04	
Aid to Highways	20,300.00	
Municipal Light	7,279.52	39,333.37
Overestimates—1954		
State Parks	2.11	
County Tax	56.37	
Essex Sanatorium	1,204.41	1,262.89
Surplus Revenue		68,876.96
		$162,132.00

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1954—DEBT AND TRUST ACCOUNTS

DEBT ACCOUNTS

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$187,000.00	School Construction Loan	$ 4,000.00
		School Addition Loan	148,000.00
		Fire-Highway Building	35,000.00
	$187,000.00		$187,000.00

TRUST FUND ACCOUNTS

TRUST AND INVESTMENT FUNDS		David Cummings Fund	$ 6,406.46
Cash and Securities		Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	30,680.77
In custody of Town Treasurer	$ 37,087.23	Charles L. Flint Fund	6,451.58
In custody of Library Trustees	10,131.49	Mary E. Emerson Fund	3,679.91
In custody of Naumkeag Trust Co.	10,173.58	B. F. Emerson Library Fund	10,193.58
	$ 57,392.30		$ 57,392.30

PAYROLL ANALYSIS

HIGHWAY AND PARK DEPARTMENT

	Labor	Truck
Charles Baker	190.30	
Antonio Blais	13.20	
Leopold Blais	2,613.76	
Blais Bros.		1,129.50
Raymond Colby	2,841.75	
Richard Collins	97.90	
James Donovan	6.60	
Robert Fuller	2,800.00	
Davis Gilford	14.30	
Ernest Gould		74.00
Arthur Greeke	26.40	
John J. Hocter	3,695.80	
John J. Hocter, Jr.	20.90	
William J. Hocter	86.90	
Ted Klosowski	8.80	721.50
Ted Klosowski, Jr.	28.60	
Edward A. Leary	360.00	
Allan Marshall	2,803.13	
James Ogden		300.00
Marshall Paine	33.00	
Foster Pickard	19.80	
Edward Richardson	35.20	
Joseph Sedlak	19.80	
Oscar Sheldon		244.00
Earle Stearns		165.00
Lawrence Tinkham	5.50	
Richard Tuttle	26.40	

CEMETERY DEPARTMENT

Charles Baker	2,207.60	200.00
Clarence Baker	8.80	
Robert Bixby	20.00	
William Donovan	246.95	
Dave DeTomaso	89.50	
Peter Dzchiewcz	91.00	
Arthur Nichols	1,242.50	
Allie Page	322.30	
Arthur Page	212.85	
Frank Sullivan	147.40	

FORESTRY DEPARTMENT

George Agoob	10.00	
Donald Aylward	198.00	
James Apostalakes	52.13	
James Bastable	60.00	
Ernest Blanchette	8.10	
Leopold Blais	5.00	
Napoleon Blais		25.00
George Calnan	61.95	
Raymond Colby	20.00	
Richard Collins	135.00	
Conley Tree Surgeons		21.00
James Donovan	428.15	
Robert Fuller	56.25	
Ernest Gould	68.25	128.00
Eugene Gould	376.22	
Arnold Gilmore	20.00	
Richard Hamilton	10.40	
Carl King	2.70	
Edward Knowles	56.10	
Ted Klosowski, Jr.	12.00	
Robert LeTourneau	15.40	
Allan Marshall	5.00	
John Meany	5.00	
Harry Moore	68.13	
Robert Moore	52.50	
Philip Murray	64.56	
Arthur Niefieph	64.90	
Stewart Niefieph	71.25	
Dave Nugent	20.00	
North Shore Tree Co.		265.50
William Ogden	8.10	
Clarence Osgood	587.60	
Donald Osgood	337.88	
Foster Richard	280.85	
Leyland Phillips	45.00	
Michael Rossi	222.50	
Ralph Wennerberg	231.25	

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

Edward Berry	128.75
Charles Clinch, Jr.	4,471.25
Raymond Currier	2,896.00

Norman Elwell	163.50
Willis Esty	3,465.40
John Hocter, Jr.	76.25
George Nash	544.05
James Ogden	323.30
Vincent Perry	42.00
Joseph Pickard	369.95
Laurie Smith	170.00
Norman Welch	151.25
Langston Wall	95.20
William Witham	3,883.40
Robert Young	210.70

TREASURER'S REPORT

December 31, 1954

Edward H. Leary, Treasurer in account with the town of Middleton:

Balance of cash in Treasury January 1, 1954	$152,212.24
Receipts for the year 1954	493,423.24
Total	$645,635.48
Payments for the year 1954	$539,257.15
Balance of cash in Treasury December 31, 1954	106,378.33
Total	$645,635.48

CASH IN BANKS

Merchant's National Bank, Salem, Mass.	$ 36,699.82
Danvers National Bank, Danvers, Mass.	64,130.04
Danvers Savings Bank	1,923.09
Undeposited Cash	3,625.38
Total Cash	$106,378.33

A complete report of all Trust Funds in my custody is shown on the following pages.

For the co-operation and support of the Town Officers, Committees and citizens, I wish to express my thanks and gratitude.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. LEARY,

Town Treasurer

CUMMINGS FUND

December 31, 1954

Balance January 1, 1954		$ 5,359.72
United Shoe Machinery Corp. Shares		975.00
RECEIPTS		
U. S. M. C. Dividends	$ 97.52	
Salem Savings Bank Interest	79.46	
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank Interest	68.75	
Reimbursement unissued check	7.96	
		$ 253.69
Total income		6,588.41
Trustee's orders		181.95
Adjusted Total income		$ 6,406.46
Balance Dec. 31, 1954		
Salem Five Cent Savings Bank		$ 2,343.69
Salem Savings Bank		2,708.91
Merchants National Bank		378.86
United Shoe Machinery Shares		975.00
		$ 6,406.46

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD H. LEARY,

Town Treasurer

Land Owned By Town of Middleton

December 31, 1954

The town owns the following parcels of land which have been deeded to the Town by the Treasurer:

HASWELL PARK:
Lots 138-139, 146, 147, 152, 153, 155, 165, 166, 286-290 inclusive.

MIDDLETON PINES:
Lots 2, 3, 4, 351-355 inclusive, 456, 457, 532-535 inclusive, 948, 949.

RECREATION PARK:
1st lot of 9th parcel — Book 2253, Page 381
14th parcel — Book 2253, Page 381
2nd pasture Woodland and Meadow
Elliott Lot, Island pasture, Smith Lot, Sutton Lot
Lots G & H, Lots 61-68 inclusive, 128-130 inclusive, 231-236 inclusive.

RIVERVIEW PARK:
Lot 78.

SUMMIT VIEW PARK:
Lots 28, 30-34 inclusive, 35, 36, 51, 57, 58, 59, 91-93 inclusive, 94-97 inclusive, 136-148 inclusive, 153-156 inclusive, 157, 158, 159, 164-169 inclusive, 212, 213, 215-218 inclusive, 219-221 inclusive, 239, 242-251 inclusive, 257-270 inclusive, 279-285 inclusive, 288-301 inclusive, 307, 308, 311-318 inclusive, 326-337 inclusive, 344-371 inclusive, 376, 378-382 inclusive, 385-398 inclusive.

WOODLAND PARK:
Lots 107, 108, 109-112 inclusive, 113-117 inclusive, 118, 119, 135-138 inclusive, 143, 144, 332, 575, 576.

MISCELLANEOUS:
G. A. Fuller meadow, 4 acres (Cranberry bog)
Joseph Whittier Estate, Woodland Approx. 8 acres.

EDWARD H. LEARY

Treasurer

TOWN OF MIDDLETON

Cemetery Endowment Account

Danvers Savings Bank

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Atwood, L. Frank	360	$121.98	$3.67	$3.00	$122.65
Averill, Joseph	346	102.38	3.08	3.00	102.46
Berry, Allen & Catherine	112	141.99	4.28	4.00	142.27
Berry, William	128	105.45	3.19	3.00	105.64
Brown, Sarah F. ½ of	434	56.39	1.70	1.00	57.09
Bryer, Allen D.	526	213.60	6.44	4.00	216.04
Butler, Warren ½ of	916	79.77	2.39	2.00	80.16
Carleton, Loring	34	426.17	12.87	8.00	431.04
Curtis, Phoebe		56.70	1.70	1.00	57.40
Dame, John	284	167.06	5.05	4.00	168.11
Demsey, J. W.	156	104.35	3.14	3.00	104.49
Dennett, Ruth H.	24	82.14	2.48	2.00	82.62
Eaton, Irvin L.	168	78.98	2.37	2.00	79.35
Emerson, Benj. B.	214	168.89	5.09	5.00	168.98
Emerson, Eunice W.	166	106.52	3.21	3.00	106.73
Esty & Hutchinson	48	105.70	3.19	3.00	105.89
Esty, Allena A.	258	239.23	7.22	5.00	241.45
Estey, Anne E.	572	103.75	3.13	3.00	103.88
Evans, George	604	156.24	4.71	4.00	156.95
Flint, George B.	152	74.52	2.24	2.00	74.76
Fowler, Alonzo	12	277.85	8.39	5.00	281.24
Frame, L. Marie	516	134.75	4.05	4.00	134.80
Fuller, Daniel	626	104.79	3.15	3.00	104.94
Fuller, Lida A.	686	105.57	3.19	3.00	105.76
Fuller, Sopronia	236	247.85	7.48	5.00	250.33
Fuller, William	336	104.07	3.14	3.00	104.21
Gifford, William	180	105.48	3.19	3.00	105.67
Gilbert, James	188	106.01	3.20	3.00	106.21
Godfrey, William R.	714	102.41	3.08	3.00	102.49
Goodwin, Ira E. Heirs of	380	115.63	3.49	3.00	116.12
Gould, Eben	514	107.71	3.25	3.00	107.96
Gould, Porter I.	414	105.72	3.19	3.00	105.91
Graves, Porter & Rich	586	104.39	3.14	3.00	104.53
Graves, D. Augustine	234	104.38	3.14	3.00	104.52
Ham & King	356	138.33	4.17	4.00	138.50

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Hutchinson, Caroline A.	253	103.95	3.13	3.00	104.08
Hutchinson, Elisha P.	740	104.18	3.14	3.00	104.32
Johnson, Frank E.	804	121.03	3.65	3.00	121.68
Leavitt, Jerome	62	167.60	5.06	4.00	168.66
McIntire, Abraham S.	132	82.46	2.48	2.00	82.94
McIntire, Annia M.	338	112.04	3.38	3.00	112.42
Milbery, J. Wesley	706	106.33	3.20	3.00	106.53
Moore & Cram	54	161.92	4.88	4.00	162.80
Peabody & Hutchinson	182-4	164.90	4.97	4.00	165.87
Peabody, Andrew	56	104.49	3.15	3.00	104.64
Peabody, John L.	196	106.78	3.21	3.00	106.99
Peabody, William M.		106.73	3.21	3.00	106.94
Peabody, Samuel M.	204	105.67	3.19	3.00	105.86
Peabody, S. Marie	584	108.10	3.26	3.00	108.36
Pike, Sarah I.	412	143.77	4.33	4.00	144.10
Phelps, William A.	148	105.26	3.17	3.00	105.43
Richardson, Eli	303	170.51	5.15	5.00	170.66
Richardson, Lucy G.	80	529.40	16.00	10.00	535.40
Russell, George	114	158.79	4.79	4.00	159.58
Russell, Harriet Wilkins		107.11	3.23	3.00	107.34
Russell, Persis B.	430	236.34	7.13	5.00	238.47
Sargent, James A.	750	108.71	3.27	3.00	108.98
Skinner & Wilkins	400	108.46	3.27	3.00	108.73
Smith, E. D. & M. J.	436	104.75	3.15	3.00	104.90
Smith, Sarah F.	102	175.65	5.30	5.00	175.95
Soper, Polly A.	298	105.10	3.17	3.00	105.27
Stiles, David		176.19	5.31	5.00	176.50
Stiles, Farnham	10	105.07	3.17	3.00	105.24
Tedford, Joseph A.	810	163.97	4.94	4.00	164.91
Thomas, Hannah Amelia	64	81.85	2.47	2.00	82.32
Thompson, C. E. & E. L.	392	255.65	7.72	5.00	258.37
Tufts, Wilbur	486	104.32	3.14	3.00	104.46
Tyler, Ansel P.	540	190.13	5.73	5.00	190.86
Weston, Samuel W.	36	212.07	6.41	5.00	213.48
Wellman, John R.	40	225.29	6.80	5.00	227.09
Whitman, Carl N.	116	107.15	3.23	3.00	107.38
Wilkins, Luther	176	183.86	5.54	5.00	184.40
Wilkins, Henry A.	254	105.96	3.19	3.00	106.15
Wilkins, Timothy	50	109.84	3.31	3.00	110.15
		10,388.13	313.23	262.00	10,439.36

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Baker, Charles, Jr.	398	$155.38	$4.69	$4.00	$156.07
Barnaby, John	308	154.44	4.65	4.00	155.09
Bastable, Arthur	9	157.44	4.75	5.00	157.19
Berry, Milton	718	155.37	4.69	5.00	155.06
Bewsher, Rhoda	508	207.08	6.26	N.C.	213.34
Boghosian, Leon ½ of	B15½	79.49	2.39	2.00	79.88
Boodro, Austin	B15	80.72	2.42	2.00	81.14
Bradstreet, H. H.	1	157.48	4.75	5.00	157.23
Bryer, Lillian L.	606	671.06	20.29	10.00	681.35
Carter, Mary A.	137	158.12	4.77	5.00	157.89
Curtis, Philip	B13	154.49	4.65	4.00	155.14
Darling, Lyman	438	154.89	4.67	5.00	154.56
Densmore, Stanley	B3	155.47	4.69	5.00	155.16
Derrah, James Henry	288	104.07	3.14	2.00	105.21
Donovan, Patrick ½ of	B21	102.77	3.09	N.C.	105.86
Downing, William	626	113.07	3.41	3.00	113.48
Duncan, Reuban	489	155.10	4.69	5.00	154.79
Emerson, Ellen M.	138	103.72	3.13	3.00	103.85
Emerson, Henry P.	496	543.18	16.42	10.00	549.60
Esty, Loren G.	538	125.03	3.77	4.00	124.80
Esty, R. H.	484			N.C.	200.00
Firman, Aaron G.	23-24	54.79	1.64	1.00	55.43
Fletcher, Samuel A.	130	103.49	3.13	3.00	103.62
Flint, Harley A.	256	102.90	3.09	3.00	102.99
Frost, Charles A.	340	180.01	5.43	5.00	180.44
Fuller, Abijah	110	179.54	5.42	5.00	179.96
Gifford, George ½ of	10B	100.00	3.02	N.C.	103.02
Gould, Andrew	352	57.73	1.73	1.00	58.46
Gould, Mary	422	208.33	6.29	6.00	208.62
Gould, Walter	578	155.57	4.69	5.00	155.26
Graham, Benj. & Edythe	139	155.48	4.69	5.00	155.17
Harris, A. H. ½ of	B19	77.87	2.35	1.00	79.22
Hatch, Herbert O.	642	155.58	4.69	5.00	155.27
Hilton, Ellen J.	492½	175.60	5.30	5.00	175.90
Hoezel, William	5&6	156.66	4.73	5.00	156.39
Howe, Benj.	160	155.46	4.69	5.00	155.15
Illingsworth	822	154.70	4.67	1.00	158.37
Illingsworth, R.	915	78.77	2.36	2.00	79.13
Jones, John & Mary	802	208.53	6.29	6.00	208.82
Jopp, C. B.	912	80.11	2.42	2.00	80.53
LeBeau, Ernest	B17½	78.61	2.36	2.00	78.97

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Lee & Meade	82	154.88	4.67	5.00	154.55
Leonard & Henderson	141 & 143	314.41	9.50	7.00	316.91
Lever, William	18	155.07	4.69	5.00	154.76
Martin, William	908	155.08	4.69	5.00	154.77
Maxwell, Richard	902	206.61	6.23	2.00	210.84
Metcalf, John	624	155.53	4.69	5.00	155.22
Millett, Annie L.		157.33	4.75	5.00	157.08
McGlauflin, Benj. T.	76	157.70	4.76	5.00	157.46
McKenne, Thomas	532	157.44	4.75	5.00	157.19
Nash, Harold	B11	79.46	2.39	2.00	79.85
Nelson, Roy	910	155.50	4.69	5.00	155.19
Paine, Walter	7	156.28	4.71	5.00	155.99
Peabody, Merrill	754	105.52	3.19	3.00	105.71
Perkins, William	643	215.22	6.50	5.00	216.72
Phelps, Annie	146	178.09	5.37	5.00	178.46
Richardson, William	250	161.22	4.87	5.00	161.09
Robertson, Mary D.	242	104.07	3.14	2.00	105.21
Russell, Serena	477	157.58	4.75	5.00	157.33
Sanford, Radford & Martin	580	155.12	4.69	4.00	155.81
Sanford, William	11½	79.82	2.41	2.00	80.23
Sheldon, Alonzo	682	157.95	4.76	5.00	157.71
Sheldon, Lucy	212	160.69	4.85	5.00	160.54
Shepard, Augustine	78	204.52	6.17	N.C.	210.69
Smith, George	764	111.38	3.37	3.00	111.75
Stewart, Richard	676	154.33	4.65	5.00	153.98
Symonds, Charles	448	105.67	3.19	3.00	105.86
Townsend, Edward	468	154.99	4.67	4.00	155.66
Townsend, Ernest	454	154.99	4.67	4.00	155.66
Tyler, Alma		154.58	4.65	5.00	154.23
Tyler, Henrietta		154.58	4.65	5.00	154.23
Wiggins, Alexander	806	180.60	5.45	N.C.	186.05
Wilkins, Charles	459	157.70	4.76	5.00	157.46
Wilkins, Alvin	218	155.78	4.70	5.00	155.48
Wilkins, Susan A.	596	106.40	3.20	3.00	106.60
Wilkins & Young	614	156.68	4.73	3.00	158.41
Williams, Percy	½ of B17	78.99	2.37	2.00	79.36
Young, William H.	½ of B18	77.56	2.33	2.00	77.89
		11,897.42	358.92	297.00	12,159.34
Merriam Cemetery		810.00	24.48	10.00	824.48
Oakdale Cemetery		661.27	8.90	10.00	660.17

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Salem Five Cent Savings Bank

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Atwood, Morrison	128	$167.17	$5.05	$4.00	$168.22
Averill, Edward P.	52	105.03	3.17	3.00	105.20
Barnaby, Carline V.	646	116.01	3.50	3.00	116.51
Batchelder, Harold T.	528	86.04	2.60	2.00	86.64
Berry, Mattie A.	530				200.00
Brown, Carl	914	159.87	4.82	4.00	160.69
Conlon, Mary A.		106.94	3.21	3.00	107.15
Curry, Mary A.	342	108.93	3.27	3.00	109.20
Curtis, John A.	296		2.50		252.50
Day, Mrs. George E. ½ of	588	56.08	1.68	1.00	56.76
Day, Weaver	248	160.10	4.83	4.00	160.93
Evans, Otis	409½	159.87	4.82	4.00	160.69
Fuller, Agnes E.	826		4.02		204.02
Fuller, Jerimiah	76	142.83	4.29	4.00	143.12
Fuller, Luella F.	158	159.53	4.81	4.00	160.34
Fuller, Lydia & Timothy	268	105.50	3.19	3.00	105.69
Fuller & Taylor	644	157.82	4.76	4.00	158.58
Goswiler, Carl B.	716	166.82	5.03	4.00	167.85
Hall, E. P.	106	107.95	3.25	3.00	108.20
Harlow, Levi F.	684	108.73	3.27	3.00	109.00
Haskell, Ella C.	390	209.15	6.32	4.00	211.47
Higgins, Lewis S.	264	110.15	3.32	3.00	110.47
Hobbs, Kathryn ½ of	588	56.21	1.70	1.00	56.91
Hutchinson & Russell	18	105.27	3.17	3.00	105.44
Jones, John E.	372	106.25	3.20	3.00	106.45
Jones, Samuel	290	106.49	3.21	3.00	106.70
Mosher, William	850	156.12	4.71	4.00	156.83
Peabody, A. W.	90	254.57	7.68	5.00	257.25
Peabody, Dean	344	104.01	3.14	3.00	104.15
Peabody, John W.	192	157.86	4.76	4.00	158.62
Peabody, Laura E.	534	104.48	3.15	3.00	104.63
Putney, Lucretia	104	156.43	4.71	4.00	157.14
Richardson, Benj. F.	164	104.79	3.15	3.00	104.94
Richardson, Daniel W., Rev.	410	106.53	3.21	3.00	106.74
Richardson, Daniel		105.80	3.19	3.00	105.99
Riley & Daniels	32	156.12	4.71	4.00	156.83
Russell, Eleanor	618		.50		200.50

Cemetery Endowment Account—Continued

Name	Lot No.	Balance 1953	Interest	Amount Paid Out	Balance 1954
Stiles, Hiram A.	30	166.61	5.03	4.00	167.64
Stiles, Osgood F.	424	167.11	5.05	4.00	168.16
Stiles, Summer P.	482	166.63	5.03	4.00	167.66
Taylor, Benj. H.	334	105.18	3.17	3.00	105.35
White, Henry F.	208	85.26	2.57	2.00	85.83
Wilkins, Henry & Caroline	440	322.97	9.74	6.00	326.71
Wilkins, Edward H.	172	195.49	5.90	4.00	197.39
Wilkins, Samuel H.	230	105.58	3.19	3.00	105.77
Young, John	278	105.39	3.17	3.00	105.56
		5,695.67	178.75	142.00	6,582.42

Reports

OF THE

Various Departments

1954

FLINT
MIDDLETON
PUBLIC LIBRARY

FLINT PUBLIC LIBRARY

Treasurer's Report

INCOME:			
Balance, January 1, 1954		$ 1,597.71	
Naumkeag Trust Co.		406.96	
Essex Savings Bank		26.25	
Broadway Savings Bank		51.30	
Book Fines		31.35	
Total			$ 2,113.57
Town Appropriation for Expenses plus Dog Tax			2,372.47
Town Appropriation for Salaries			1,400.00
Total Income			$ 5,886.04
EXPENDITURES:			
Salaries:			
Librarian	$ 600.00		
Assistants	525.00		
Janitor	275.00		
		$ 1,400.00	
Expenses:			
Fuel	$ 312.15		
Light	46.71		
Water	9.60		
Insurance	174.34		
Building Maintenance	1,157.50		
Magazines	11.50		
New Books	422.56		
Recataloging	1,221.75		
Miscellaneous	561.14		
Returned to Revenue	.78		
Balance, Naumkeag Trust Co., Dec. 31, 1954	568.01		
		4,486.04	
			$ 5,886.04

Respectfully submitted,

E. O. CAMPBELL, JR.
Treasurer, Library Trustees

CHARLES L. FLINT FUND

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Charles L. Flint Fund, Principal		$ 5,000.00
Deposited in Banks, December 31, 1954:		
Salem Five Cents Savings Bank	$ 1,267.87	
Danvers Savings Bank	1,570.40	
Broadway Savings Bank	1,866.96	
Essex Savings Bank	1,000.00	
Salem Savings Bank	746.35	
		$ 6,451.58

MARY ESTEY EMERSON FUND

E. O. Campbell, Jr., in account with Flint Public Library:

Mary Estey Emerson Fund, Principal		$ 2,500.00
Deposited in Banks, December 31, 1954:		
Danvers Savings Bank	$ 2,394.97	
Danvers National Bank	784.94	
Bonds:		
Cerena Apt., Bldg. Bond (par value)	500.00	
		$ 3,679.91

B. F. EMERSON TRUST FUND

Naumkeag Trust Co., Trustee

Recepits:		
Interest from Salem Savings Bank	$ 34.06	
Interest from Danvers Savings Bank	29.64	
Interest from U. S. Savings Bonds	87.50	
Dividend, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway	165.00	
Coupons, Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway	80.00	
Coupons, Kansas City Southern Railway	40.00	
Total Receipts		$ 436.20
Expenses:		
Registry of Probate, filing	$ 3.00	
Amortization, Kansas City Southern Railway	1.24	
Naumkeag Trust Co., Commission	25.00	
Total Expenses		29.24
Net Recepits		$ 406.96

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT, 1954

The Flint Public Library has been open three days a week during the year 1954.

Tuesday — 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M.
Friday — 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
Saturday — 3:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

except for four weeks in July and August when inventory was being taken. At that time books no longer useful were removed from the shelves permanently, others of slight interest were kept and will be made available later. Work was then started on a new catalog, using the cards from the old catalog when possible. The new catalog should be ready in 1955.

For a library of this size the now active collection is fairly well rounded with many excellent titles. Several sections receiving more use than others, do need replacements and additions. The first to be considered will be the children's non-fiction and the young peoples' section. In the latter new and old titles will be added, including adult books which will appeal to these young people.

Many books received as gifts have been placed on the shelves. Already people using the library have greatly appreciated them.

The following magazines, except for the current issue, may be borrowed for a week:

American Boy
American Girl
American Home
American Magazine
Better Homes and Gardens
Child Life
Farm Journal
Jack and Jill
Life
McCall's Needlework
Nature Magazine
National Geographic
News Week
Popular Mechanics

Seventeen

The length of time a book may be kept has been changed from three to two weeks, with the privilege of renewing it for a second two week period. In this way it is hoped a book will be made available to more people during a year.

The fine stained glass windows in the front of the building were illuminated during the Christmas season.

The Middleton Historical society has had two interesting exhibits in the library, one displaying lamps used at different periods, the other showing early American glass bottles. Many of these could be identified from books in the Library.

The Trustees have been very cooperative in making possible the work which has been done in the past year.

ANNUAL STATISTICS

Volumes in the library January 1, 1954	11,497
Volumes added by purchase	156
Volumes added by gift	243
Volumes reported lost or not returned	502
Volumes in the library January 1, 1955	11,394

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH TYLER

Acting Librarian

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens of Middleton:

The Board in its triple capacity as Selectmen, Board of Health and Licensing Authority has had a very busy and active year in 1954. In addition to its regular weekly meetings, every Tuesday, and its bi-weekly meetings during the months of July and August, the Board has found it necessary to hold frequent special meetings in order to meet various municipal problems, and, in particular, the twin sister hurricane emergency which necessitated the issuance of a proclamation placing the Town under emergency law, appointing the Town Accountant as liason officer between the Town and the Commonwealth and coordinating the activities of the different departments participating in the emergency so that the highways could be cleared, the debris removed and the public services restored in the quickest possible time.

This Board attempted at all times to keep in touch with the people, to establish close liason cooperation with municipal departments and to conduct numerous visitations to various sections of the community in response to requests of the townspeople and of the departments so that firsthand information could be obtained and the best possible solution established to meet these problems as they arose. To mention but a few, this Board met with the Chairman of the School Committee, the Principal of the Howe-Manning School and a sanitary engineer to inspect the school grounds relative to adequate drainage; with the Planning Board and the Board of Appeals relative to the gravel pit operations on South Main Street; with the members of the Board of Assessors and the Planning Board relative to finding a suitable site for public dumping facilities on a long-range basis; and with the Cemetery Commissioners relative to systematizing the records of burials and cemetery operation in keeping with the requirements of the law.

During the course of the year the Board gave much attention to the existing gravel pit situation and the possible methods of curtailing and controlling the use of those existing in Town and the abatement of the nuisances which have existed for some time. The Board has resorted in one instance to a Bill in Equity for injunctive relief the outcome of this action is still pending. The extension of existing nonconforming uses has been curtailed and it is hoped that in cooperation with the other local governmental agencies further progress can be made.

This Board in its capacity as Board of Health held a joint meeting with the Danvers Board of Selectmen to discuss the possibility of dual dumping facilities to serve both municipalities and, although this Board decided against this project, it gained considerable guidance from the documentary and pictorial evidence relative to the necessity of long-range planning to meet the growing needs of a town for dumping facilities and to the advantages of the Sanitary Fill Method.

The Board, also in its capacity as a Board of Health, invoked Chapter 111, Section 128 on one occasion and ordered a camp occupied as a year round dwelling for a family of five vacated by reason of the number of occupants, lack of heating and plumbing facilities, and other causes. The premises were vacated without recourse to the courts.

In an effort to relieve the congestion existing in Middleton Square this Board held a meeting with the Chief of Police, the Fire Chief and the Highway Surveyor in consequence of which this Board amended the Traffic Rules and Regulations, subject to the approval of the Department of Public Works, designating Central Street as one way, restricting it to parking on one side of the street with a maximum two-hour parking limit. This has resulted in plans now in progress, sponsored by the School Committee, to provide for off street parking in the school area. On October 26 the Board requested the Department of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts to make a traffic survey of the South Main Street area relative to traffic control. Their report has not been received.

The action taken by the Board in connection with the highway program includes the widening of South Main Street from Boston Street to the Square; the widening of the bridge on South Main Street, and the widening of Essex Street. "Children Go Slow" signs were installed on Boston Street and on East Street.

In its capacity as Licensing Authority a total of seventy-three licenses were issued for 1954.

In its capacity as Board of Health eighteen cesspool permits were issued for 1954.

The complexities of the Town business with regard to the enforcement of Zoning Laws, the laying out and acceptance of streets, drainage problems and numerous other instances require the services of a civil engineer. The desirability of a Town Engineer, retained on the same basis as we now employ a Town Counsel, is becoming more apparent. The present procedure of depending on engineering plans

drawn by engineers representing private interested parties is not always in the best interest of the Town and often necessary plans are not drawn. The Board will submit specific proposals at a later date.

To the Town Officers, Department Heads, members and citizens of the Town this Board wishes to express its deep appreciation for the splendid cooperation and for the time they gave so generously to public service.

Respectfully submitted,

DAVID BURNS, Chairman

DANIEL J. DONOVAN, Clerk

WILBUR C. RUNDLETT, JR.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

To the Citizens of the Town of Middleton:

The Town Clerk submits for your approval its Annual Report of Births, Marriages, Deaths, Dog Taxes Collected and Licenses issued for the year 1954.

Any errors or omissions should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON W. HUBBARD
Town Clerk

Marriage Record For 1954

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
Jan. 17	Beverly	Francis Bertone	Beverly
		Joan Dorrity	Middleton
Jan. 17	Wakefield	John S. D'Amico	Wakefield
		Marjorie A. Punchard	Middleton
Jan. 31	Marblehead	Albert Joseph Gallant	Middleton
		Constance Kilbur Peach	Marblehead
Jan. 30	Andover	Kenneth M. Stahler	Andover
		Virginia R. Wake	Middleton
Jan. 30	Middleton	James Joseph Comstock, Jr.	Middleton
		Dorothy Florence Brown	Middleton
Feb. 12	Middleton	Charles S. Tuckerman	Middleton
		Jean Lizette Buck	Wisconsin
Mar. 21	Salem	Richard I. Armstrong	Middleton
		Irene LaBonte	Salem
Apr. 1	Guam	Carl Putnam Gates, Jr.	Danvers
		Norma Ruth Silvernail	Middleton
Apr. 25	Peabody	Stanley P. Kolodziej	Peabody
		Pauline Ballard	Middleton
May 2	Beverly	Jeffrey W. Savoie	Middleton
		Elizabeth A. Grothaus	Beverly
May 3	Melrose	Warner E. Desmarais	Middleton
		Ruth W. Butt	Stoneham

Date	Place of Marriage	Name of Bride and Groom	Residence
May 8	Middleton	Raymond H. Currier, Jr.	Middleton
		Paula Fischer	Middleton
May 22	Hartford, Ct.	Roland Lewis Mills	Hartford, Ct.
		Marjorie Putnam	Middleton
May 23	Derry, N.H.	Elliott Bayard Rowell, Jr.	Middleton
		Louise Nancy Mendalka	Danvers
June 6	Middleton	William Lambert Dearborn	Middleton
		Gertrude Marie Massey	Peabody
June 26	Middleton	Joseph Anthony Santorella	Peabody
		Barbara Jean Kitchin	Middleton
June 26	Middleton	Wilfred Charles Greeke	Middleton
		Muriel Grace Kelsey	Greenwood
July 2	Middleton	Roger Marion Peabody	Middleton
		Lois Milburn Cousins	Middleton
Aug. 1	Middleton	Roland George Dube	Middleton
		Barbara Edith Kuell	Middleton
Aug. 8	Peabody	Harold Albert Tuttle	Middleton
		Rita Carol LaBelle	Peabody
Aug. 14	Middleton	Raymond Francis Dane	Middleton
		Anita Lillian Savoie	Middleton
Oct. 13	Lynn	Robert Everett Vient	Middleton
		Dorothy Ann Coffill	Salem
Nov. 14	Middleton	Roger William Thompson, Jr.	Danvers
		Audrey Jane Pelletier	Middleton
Nov. 25	Middleton	Lawrence Gerard Dower	Wakefield
		Janet Louise Hilyard	Middleton
Dec. 3	Danvers	William Nelson McKeen	Danvers
		Constance Jean Zinck	Middleton
Dec. 5	Salem	Paul Leo Bouchard	Middleton
		Cynthia M. Godin	Salem
Dec. 18	Amesbury	Bruce W. Dame	Manchester
		Helene J. Wiley	Middleton

Birth Record For 1954

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Jan. 3	James Philip Kerr	Arthur William Kerr Gertrude Alice Chase
Jan. 3	Judith Ann Pellicelli	Dominic F. Pellicelli Dorothy White
Jan. 5	Marc Francis Thomas	Dale R. Thomas Joan B. Coutoure
Jan. 22	Deborah Yvonne Stone	Arthur Harry Stone Henrietta Doris Parisien
Feb. 1	David Jeffrey Hallissey	Joseph H. Hallissey Veronica R. Rybacki
Feb. 2	Linda Marie Blais	Leopold Simeon Blais Opal Carrie Yerta
Feb. 6	Valerie Jean Stewart	Richard H. Stewart Patricia A. Maynard
Feb. 11	Paul Alan James	Donald A. James Lois M. Faraday
Feb. 11	Carol Ann Robicheau	James Herbert Robicheau Mary Teresa McCoole
Feb. 24	Robin Dee-Ann Holland	Robert D. Holland Maurita A. Cotreau
Feb. 24	Melissa Carpenter Dow	William Merrill Dow Barbara Lee Birt
Mar. 1	Lance Scott Ballard	Gerald A. Ballard Barbara L. Eckhardt
Mar. 6	Robin Lee Rooney	William Francis Rooney Barbara Gail Adams
Mar. 11	Robert Alan Kandiko	Joseph C. Kandiko Constance M. Hainsworth
Mar. 15	Elizabeth Logan Welty	John R. Welty Jeanne E. McLaughlin
Mar. 24	Mark Johnson Stevens	Phil C. Stevens Mildred Johnson
Mar. 30	Gary Lee Clark	Richard D. Clark Mildred Walter
Apr. 2	Cheryl Lee Coffin	Edward E. Coffin Mary Zibell
Apr. 6	Mary Anne Dower	Raymond S. Dower, Jr. Carolyn Mary Denoneour

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Apr. 8	Paul Clarence Davis	Clarence E. Davis Shirley L. Doane
Apr. 8	Daniel Robert Lennox	Robert E. Lennox Evelyn F. Gould
Apr. 10	Peter Francis Chisholm	Joseph Henry Chisholm Joan Batchelor
Apr. 12	Douglas Alan McCarthy	William J. McCarthy Constance Fuller
Apr. 13	Female Deschenes	Ronald E. Deschenes Edith M. Mahoney
May 18	Charlene Ann Gregory	Joseph Gregory Cicely Rose Berry
May 28	Philip Scott Bailey	Roger Gray Bailey Dorothy Wilhelmina Dimes
June 5	Rhonda Lee Wennerberg	Ebbe B. Wennerberg Hilda F. Luscomb
June 15	Laurie Page Campbell	Elmer O. Campbell, Jr. Page Gifford
June 18	Gail Shamon	Michael Mark Shamon Barbara Ann Pridham
June 24	Kevin Bruce Elwell	Norman A. Elwell Ruby Wilson
June 25	Virginia Anne McDonald	William L. McDonald Isabell G. Gerhardt
June 25	Diane Muzichuk	John Muzichuk Nellie Janet Blezinski
July 11	Jackie Lee Kimball	Clement L. Kimball Shirley J. Eaton
July 13	Keith Mayo Schumann	Royce Landon Schumann Marilyn Claire Mayo
July 15	Pamela Meyer	John Edwin Meyer Jean Ann Bryant
July 18	Brian Lee Gilman	Sidney L. Gilman Anna M. Griggs
July 19	Peter Joseph Cassidy	George J. Cassidy Louise M. Nelson
July 23	Peter Bedros Hagopian, Jr.	Peter B. Hagopian Teriz Malootian
July 24	Judith Ann Waitt	William Elliott Waitt Ruth Rita Gudautis
July 29	Kevin Lloyd Ballard	Lloyd F. Ballard Martha M. McGoldrick

Date of Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Aug. 1	Kathy Irene Bouchard	Armand Robert Bouchard Ruth Irene Townsend
Aug. 3	Sheila Ann Titus	Gerald Arthur Titus Lillian Claire Peart
Aug. 14	Sandra Jean Crandall	Horace Winthrop Crandall Marion Isabelle Rennard
Aug. 14	Ernest Albert Tremblay	Francis Xavier Tremblay Marie Alice Richard
Aug. 23	Elaine Comstock	James J. Comstock, Jr. Dorothy F. Brown
Aug. 28	Jeffrey David Jones	Thomas Patrick Jones Irene Helen Weislik
Sept. 1	Michele Rosalie Baker	Clarence Baker Virginia May Griffin
Sept. 8	Margaret Jane Colby	Raymond Norman Colby Jeannette Helen Saulnier
Sept. 8	Michael McCarthy	Joseph F. McCarthy E. JoAnn Kelly
Sept. 9	Melainie Gaye Johnson	Gilbert Francis Johnson Catharine Marion White
Sept. 18	Thomas Philip Kulaga	Thadeus Kulaga Kathleen Callery
Sept. 18	Kathryn Ann Boose	Emery F. Boose Evelyn R. Snyder
Sept. 23	Stephanie Faye Judd	Milton R. Judd, Jr. Mary L. Fay
Oct. 1	Mark William Zwicker	William S. Zwicker Pauline Lockard
Oct. 4	James Blaine Stone	James B. Stone Elizabeth F. Gaffey
Oct. 13	Debra Ann Collins	Richard D. Collins Ivy M. MacLean
Oct. 13	Pamela Jean Walters	Alfred John Walters Rosa E. Hitchman
Oct. 16	Nancy Maureen Smith	Albion L. Smith Ruth E. Jones
Oct. 26	Yvette Marie Denault	Robert J. Denault Ida Louise DeBlois
Nov. 1	Daniel Christopher Patten	Irving M. Patten Agnes L. Roddy
Nov. 2	Jerold Edward Welch	Norman D. Welch Helen J. Dzierzek

Date Birth	Name of Child	Name of Parents
Nov. 5	Marie Linda Diane Gould	Joseph R. M. Gould Marie D. LeBlanc
Nov. 14	Darleen Gae Chase	Raymond E. Chase Joan C. Barthelemy
Nov. 16	Dennis Lee Gould	Leo J. Gould Louise Grey
Nov. 16	Elliott Brooks Barrowclough	Henry H. Barrowclough Gladys V. Moore
Nov. 26	Dana Lee Johnston	Robert W. A. Johnston Shirley A. Johnson
Dec. 2	Linda Marie Elms	Howard A. Elms Marion Peachy
Dec. 21	Alan Ames Gullifer	William H. Gullifer Muriel A. Ames
Dec. 24	Gordon Warren Hackett	Gordon W. Hackett Grace E. Jennison

Record of Resident Deaths For 1954

Date	Name of Deceased	Years	Months	Days
Jan. 4	Laura M. Wiley	83	3	7
Jan. 5	Leon N. Soper	54	7	10
Jan. 9	Lucretia Putney	82	—	—
Jan. 10	Sarah Richardson	77	1	9
Jan. 25	Alfred C. Miller	66	8	1
Feb. 1	Hector A. Germain	69	—	—
Feb. 3	Rupert W. Jenkins	31	1	14
Feb. 3	Charles A. Hayes	77	—	—
Feb. 11	Vera Bennett	65	—	—
Feb. 17	Fred E. Watson	82	11	2
Feb. 18	James A. Murphy	80	—	—
Feb. 28	Pauline Parshley	29	—	25
Mar. 1	Otis F. Evans	45	10	17
Mar. 9	Emilie C. Peabody	81	10	9
Apr. 6	Rufus D. Hurlburt	80	5	22
Apr. 14	Female Baby Deschenes	—	—	1
Apr. 14	Alice Mae Hunt	74	—	—
Apr. 15	Sadie Mable Barnaby	72	—	—
Apr. 22	Gajus J. Birch	81	—	—
Apr. 28	Grace F. LeBeau	45	—	—
May 24	Francis J. McCarron	72	—	—
May 25	Lulu A. Peterson	83	—	—
June 4	Howard Margeson	49	—	—
June 16	James E. McGrath	68	—	—
June 25	Ina J. Burns	39	11	26
June 28	Anna May Dorrity	53	11	11
July 18	Henry C. Dearborn	60	—	—
July 18	Walter Charles Mersereau	46	5	25
Aug. 4	George E. Gifford	68	4	3
Aug. 26	Catherine A. Jamieson	87	7	7
Oct. 28	Alexander J. Nash	84	—	—
Nov. 3	Daniel C. Patten	—	—	2
Dec. 25	Eva M. Demars	53	—	—
Dec. 28	Edwidge E. Hinds	68	—	—
Dec. 29	Margaret A. O'Brien	84	8	14

Non-Resident Deaths 38

Stillborn Deaths 1

Any errors or omissions should be promptly noted and reported to the Town Clerk.

Dog Taxes Collected For 1954

200	Male Dogs at $2.00	$ 400.00
46	Female Dogs at $5.00	230.00
63	Spayed Females at $2.00	126.00
10	Kennel at $10.00	100.00
3	Kennel at $25.00	75.00
1	Kennel at $50.00	* 50.00
		$ 981.00
	Less Fees Deducted	61.80
		$ 919.20

Licenses Issued For 1954

110	Resident Citizen	Fishing
105	Resident Citizen	Hunting
48	Resident Citizen	Sporting
17	Resident Citizen	Minor's Fishing
18	Resident Citizen	Female Fishing
2	Resident Citizen	Trapping
2	Special Non-Resident	Fishing
1	Resident Alien	Fishing
5	Duplicate of Lost Licenses	
3	Resident Citizen	Sporting (Free) 70 yrs. or over)
4	Resident Citizen	Military (Free)
1	Resident Citizen	Old Age Ass't. (Free)

Respectfully submitted,

ALTON W. HUBBARD

Town Clerk

LIST OF JURORS

Mr. Archie S. Frost
Clerk of Courts
Salem, Massachusetts

Dear Sir:

The following is a list of the Jurors prepared by the Selectmen of the Town of Middleton in accordance with Chapter 234, Section 4, General Laws:

Name	Street	Occupation
Bott, Thomas A.	East Street	Retired
Brown, Eugene L.	No. Main Street	Retired
Currier, Ralph	Forest Street	Self employed
Doane, Arthur H.	No. Main Street	Stock Clerk
Hare, Francis	Forest Street	Retired
Hubbard, Alton	King Street	Accountant
Jewett, Eben	Liberty Street	Electronics
Leary, Edward	Central Street	Insurance
Ogden, George B.	East Street	Retired
Peart, James	Forest Street	Blacksmith
Pennell, Roger	Pine Street	Chauffeur
Sears, James	Lake Street	Retired
Sheldon, Oscar H.	Maple Street	Retired
Willett, Edward L.	Bixby Street	Retired
Young, Morrill	Mt. Vernon Street	Lineman

Very truly yours,

BOARD OF SELECTMEN
Daniel J. Donovan, Clerk

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

Board of Selectmen,
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Permits applied for	86
Permits issued	84
Permits not granted	2
Permits to move buildings	2
Permits to reshingle roofs	24
Permits to raze	3
Permits for chimneys	3
Jobs on buildings completed	40
Jobs on buildings not completed	12
Estimated value of total permits issued	$144,665.00
Estimated value of new construction	$115,660.00
Estimated value new construction not completed	$38,000.00
Estimated value new construction completed	$77,660.00
Estimated value remodeling issued	$29,005.00
Estimated value remodeling completed	$21,305.00
Estimated value remodeling not completed	$7,700.00
Calls made for inspection	646
Mileage covered	1240
Amount collected in fees	$193.00

I wish to thank the town officials and the general public for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EARL F. JONES

Building Inspector

ASSESSORS' REPORT

The following is a recapitulation of the money appropriated by the Town of Middleton and the estimated receipts deducted therefrom in the determination of the 1954 Tax Rate.

APPROPRIATIONS

Town Appropriation	$379,868.92
Total appropriations voted to be taken from available funds	33,122.47
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay of prior years	
State Parks and Reservations	657.60
State Audit of Municipal Accounts	65.99
Gypsy and Brown Tail Moths	486.61
County Tax	7,085.28
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment	4,273.29
1954 Overlay	5,001.82
Gross Amount to be Raised	$430,561.98

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS AND AVAILABLE FUNDS

Income Tax	$ 21,343.61
Corporation Taxes	12,950.60
Reimbursement on account of publicly owned land	2,067.22
Old Age Tax (Meals) Chap. 64B, S 10	935.58
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	18,000.00
Licenses	3,000.00
Fines	300.00
Special Assessments Danvers — Levy of Taxes	1,000.00
General Government	1,500.00
Protection of Persons and Property	600.00
Health and Sanitation	200.00
Charities (other than federal grants)	1,320.00
Old Age Assistance (other than federal grants)	20,000.00
Veterans Benefits	500.00
Schools (funds from income tax not to be included)	4,000.00
Public Service Enterprises	112,005.77
Cemeteries (other than trust funds and sale of lots)	500.00
Interest: On Taxes and Assessments	600.00
State Assistance for School Construction, Ch. 645, Acts of 1948	5,173.84

Overestimates of previous year to be used as available funds: County Tax	170.49
Amounts to be taken from available funds	43,122.47
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	$249,289.58
Gross Amount to be Raised	430,561.98
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds	249,289.58
Net Amount to be Raised by Taxation	181,272.40
Net Amount raised by taxation on Personal Property	11,946.31
Net Amount raised by taxation on Real Estate	167,589.07
Number of Polls Assessed 868	1,736.00
Fractional Gain	1.02
	$181,272.40

TOTAL VALUATION:

Personal Property	189,624.00
Real Estate	2,660,144.00
1954 Tax Rate	63.00

Respectfully submitted,

PAUL B. WAKE, SR.

WILBUR A. WITHAM

ERNEST F. LeBEAU

Board of Assessors

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1953

Balance January 1, 1954	$ 7,641.08	
Interest	205.13	
Collections		$ 7,579.06
Transferred to Tax Title Accounts		267.15
	$ 7,846.21	$ 7,846.21

REAL ESTATE TAXES — 1954

1954 Commitment	$167,867.29	
Refunds	261.45	
Interest	39.06	
Collections		146,995.35
Abatements		4,932.21
Transferred to Tax Title Accounts		805.18
Uncollected balance December 31, 1954		15,435.06
	$168,167.80	$168,167.80

MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1953

Balance January 1, 1954	$ 3,629.09	
Committed in 1954	1,025.76	
Interest	29.08	
Refunds	65.23	
Collections		4,547.87
Abatements		201.29
	$ 4,749.16	$ 4,749.16

MOTOR VEHICLE & TRAILER EXCISE TAXES — 1954

1954 Commitment	$ 25,308.20	
Interest	21.84	
Refunds	539.95	
Collections		19,551.16
Abatements		1,945.79
*Uncollected balance December 31, 1954		4,373.04
	$ 25,869.99	$ 25,869.99

* Includes December Commitments totaling $4,333.99

POLL TAXES — 1954

1954 Commitment	$ 1,736.00	
December Commitment	8.00	
Interest	1.16	
Refunds	12.00	
Collections		1,425.16
Abatements		324.00
Uncollected balance December 31, 1954		8.00
	$ 1,757.16	$ 1,757.16

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1953

Balance January 1, 1954	$ 243.40	
Interest	7.29	
Collections		250.69
	$ 250.69	$ 250.69

PERSONAL PROPERTY TAXES — 1954

1954 Commitment	$ 11,946.38	
Interest	2.43	
Collections		11,417.89
Abatements		89.46
Uncollected balance December 31, 1954		441.46
	$ 11,948.81	$ 11,948.81

SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

1950-1954 Inclusive

	Commitment 1950	Commitment 1954	Amt. of Increase
Real Estate Taxes	$ 95,944.85	$167,867.29	$ 71,922.44
Excise Taxes	13,507.96	25,308.20	11,800.24
Poll Taxes	1,636.00	1,744.00	108.00
Personal Property Taxes	6,391.60	11,946.38	5,554.78
	$117,480.41	$206;865.87	$ 89,385.46

	Collections 1950	Collections 1954	Amt. of Increase
Real Estate Taxes	$ 92,016.52	$154,574.41	$ 62,557.89
Excise Taxes	12,258.72	24,099.03	11,840.31
Poll Taxes	1,404.34	1,425.16	20.82
Personal Property Taxes	4,844.17	11,668.58	6,824.41
	$110,523.75	$191,767.18	$ 81,243.43

NUMBER OF ACCOUNTS

	1950	1954	Increase
Real Estate	1044	1144	100
Excise	1143	1740	597
Poll	816	872	56
Personal Property	98	76	22*
	3101	3832	731

* Decrease

The above comparison shows the increase in volume of business transacted in the Tax Collector's office during the past five years. Tax Commitments have increased $89,385.46 with a corresponding increase in tax collections of $81,243.43. There has been an increase of 731 tax accounts during this same five year period.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD E. TYLER,
Collector of Taxes

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens:

I hereby submit my report for the year of 1954.

As in the past, every effort has been made to operate with as much efficiency as possible, to make the highways as safe as possible and to remove snow and sand the highways so that when storm ends the highways will be as normal as possible.

CHAPTER 90 CONSTRUCTION

Essex Street has been excavated and gravel spread for a distance of 1100 feet and the same distance has been oiled.

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

	Miles
Boston Street sealcoated for a distance of	.1
Maple Street shoulders build up with hottop	.10

CHAPTER 81

Roads oiled under Chapter 81:

Essex Street	.40
Haswell Park	.1
Mill Street	.50
Mt. Vernon Street	.54
Peabody Street	.60
Park Street	.45
Lakeview Road	.22
Lakeview Avenue	.28
Arrow Street	.18
Birch Avenue	.10
Grove Avenue	.05
Oak Avenue	.05
Highland Road	.13
Pine Street	.06
Cross Street	.05
Juniper Avenue	.05
Locust Street rebuilt and oiled	1.

GENERAL HIGHWAY WORK

A total of 21,892 gallons of oil have been used for resurfacing work.

Mill Street bridge replanked.

170 feet of drainage on Essex Street and 1 catch basin installed. New pipe installed under Highland Road.

During the late fall and early winter brush has been cut for a distance of six feet on either side of the street thus improving general conditions.

The highway surveyor and all members of the department wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, the Police Department and the Finance Committee for their fine cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN J. HOCTER, SR.

TREE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and the Citizens
of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

I submit my annual report for the Tree Department for 1954.

Most of the work of the Tree Department for this year was in cleaning up after the two hurricanes. Approximately two hundred and fifty trees on municipal property were blown over or badly damaged. All available manpower and equipment were put to work during and after these storms.

There is still a considerable amount of work to be done, including broken limbs and weakened trees.

At this time I would like to extend my thanks to the heads of departments and the citizens for their cooperation during and after these storms.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,
Tree Warden

MOTH DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen and the citizens
of the Town of Middleton:

Gentlemen:

Following is my annual report for the Moth Department for the year 1954.

The most important work for the Department was the cleaning up of a very bad infestation of gypsy moth in the Northern section of the town. This area was sprayed by air in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources. Inspection of the area later in the year showed 100% control.

There was another small infestation that appeared in 1954 around section of Hilldale, Riverview and Bellview Ave. Considerable ground spraying was done to help check the insects. This area will have to be sprayed in 1955, but is not large enough for state reimbursement. It will be sprayed in conjunction with Peabody and Lynnfield.

Respectfully submitted,

CLARENCE OSGOOD,

Moth Superintendent

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report of the Middleton Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

DEPARTMENT ROSTER

Chief of Police—James W. Wentworth
Sergeant—Lloyd H. Getchell
Regular Specials—Arthur G. Doane, Alexander Fraser, Joseph P. Peters, William C. Pennock, Wilbur C. Rundlett, Jr.
For Special Duty—Philip H. Dearth, Charles Pasquale, Harold G. Moore

OFFENSE FOR WHICH ARRESTS WERE MADE

Assault and Battery	2
A.W.O.L. From the U. S. Service	3
Drunkenness	38
For not being properly equipped with brakes defective	2
Larceny of a Motor Vehicle	2
Leaving the scene of an accident after property damage	2
Leaving the scene of an accident after personal injury	2
Lewdness and Lascivious	1
Non Support	2
Neglect of Minor Children	1
Indecent Assault	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle so as to endanger	9
Operating a Motor Vehicle without authority	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle after revocation of their license	1
Operating a Motor Vehicle under the influence of liquor	11
Operating a Motor Vehicle without a license	2
Run Away	2
Refusing to stop for a Police Officer	1
Speeding	5
Stubborn Child	1
Vagrancy	1
Violation of Conditions of Probation	2
Insane Persons	3

Possession and storing of gambling parts (slot machine type)	1
Total	96

(12) Arrests made in Middleton by the State Police are listed above.

DISPOSITIONS:

Committed to Danvers State Hospital	3
Discharged not guilty	1
Guilty and fined	31
Guilty and filed	11
Placed on probation	6
Released	31
Sentenced to House of Correction	2
Sentenced to Youth Reception Center	1
Sentenced to Bridgewater	2
Suspended from the House of Correction	1
Suspended from the Youth Reception Center	3
Sentenced to Women's Reformatory in Framingham	1
Turned over to the Armed U. S. Service	3
Total	96

MISCELLANEOUS:

Ambulance and Cruiser Cases	30
Automobile Accidents Investigated	39
Booked and Warned for Speeding	169
Complaints Received and Investigated	810
Dogs shot by Police Department	8
Dogs killed by Automobiles	16
Escaped Patients returned to Danvers State Hospital	3
Firearm Permits Issued	57
Fire Alarm that Police went to	28
Hours in Court	122
Licenses suspended and revoked through the Registry of Motor Vehicles for speeding and etc.	62
Missing and lost persons found	2
Messages delivered	165
Motor Vehicles Transfers	118
Summons and Warrants served	34
Turned over to the Town Treasurer for Firearm permits	$28.50
Stolen property recovered	$4,750.00

There have been many property damage cases investigated not listed above which have been settled satisfactorily to all concerned without making arrests or going to Court.

And in closing I wish to thank all Town officials and the townspeople who helped me in my endeavors during this last year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

Chief of Police

DOG OFFICER'S REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Middleton, Massachusetts,

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Dog Officer for the year ending December 31, 1954:

Complaints received and investigated	125
Dogs restrained	13
Dogs killed by automobiles	16
Dogs shot by Police Department	8
Dogs put in pound	28
Lost dogs returned to rightful owners	11
Reports of dog bites	13
Stray dogs disposed of	28
Poultry and animals killed by dogs	73

Caused (95) persons to license their dogs with the Town Clerk

To all dog owners 1955 dog licenses are due and payable to the Town Clerk April 1, 1955.

In closing I wish to extend by appreciation for the cooperation shown by the Board of Selectmen and all dog owners during the year 1954.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES W. WENTWORTH

Dog Officer

BOARD OF APPEALS

Board of Selectmen
Middleton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a factual report of the activities of the Board of Appeals for the year ending December 31, 1954.

Meetings held	13
Public Hearings	8
Decisions rendered	7
Renewals issued	1
Decisions pending	1

In all cases proper public notice was given and parties at interest notified.

Copies of all formal decisions and renewals have been filed at the office of the Town Clerk.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. SANBORN
WILLIAM T. MARTIN
BEUMONT B. HURD
CHESTER K. MASSE
MANUEL GILBOARD

Board of Appeals

ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen and Citizens
of the Town of Middleton,

Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted the annual report of the Electric Light Department for the year ending December 31, 1954.

The main projects for the year are as follows:

1. Street lights were extended on North Main St. from the corner of Forest and North Main Sts. to the Andover line.
2. Haswell Park was completely rewired, both primary and secondary; transformer capacity was increased also.
3. So. Main St. and Essex St. were rewired with primaries and new poles.

 The revamping of So. Main St. was due to the reconstruction of route 114; Essex St. was due to the Chapter 90 road project.
4. We have converted 44 services from 120v 2 w to 240v 3w.
5. We have increased the capacity of 14 transformers in various sections of the Town.
6. We renewed 23 street light fixtures.
7. There were 32 poles replaced in various parts of the Town.
8. The primary line was extended on Essex St. to the line.

During the year 1954, the Town purchased 4,767,832 KWH, at a cost of $73,094.42 or 1.5330 cents per KWH.

Of the above 4,767,832 KWH, we can account for 4,053,677 or a line loss of 714,155, which is 14.99%.

In 1954 we purchased 375,999 KWH more than in 1953.

The actual amount to be collected for the above KWH was $125,772.64. We have collected $117,870.06, allowed $3,937.19 in discounts. This leaves an outstanding balance of $3,965.39 which is approximately $4.45 per customer as compared with $4.79 per customer last year.

During 1955, we are in hopes of changing the Town over to 4160v which will mean the rewiring of Maple St. and North Main St.

We are also forced to purchase new regulators for the Middleton substation due to the added growth. An example of the added growth in the Town of Middleton is shown by the fact that in 1950 we purchased 2,833,500 KWH and 1954 we purchased 4,767,832 KWH. In 1955 we anticipate purchasing over 5,000,000 KWH.

The Department has done extensive line clearing in the past three years and feels that it has more than paid for itself; as the citizens of Middleton well know from the absence of outages compared to the period before line clearing.

Early in 1955 we are purchasing a new street light transformer and expect to have it installed by the first of February. It will make the street lights on South Main St., Maple St., and adjacent streets much more brighter and distribute more light on the Highways.

We, the Board of Electric Light Commissioners, would like to thank the citizens of the Town of Middleton for their fine patience and cooperation during the two hurricanes, which were experienced in the Fall of 1954.

We would also like to thank the various Departments in the Town for their assistance and fine cooperation not only during the reconstruction of the damage done by the storms, but throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

Board of Electric Light Comissioners

FRANK E. DOW

GEORGE W. NASH

JOHN J. MUZICHUK

INSPECTOR OF WIRES REPORT

Board of Selectmen
Middleton, Mass.

Subject: Inspector of Wires Report

Gentlemen:

I wish to submit my report for the year 1954.

There were 85 permits issued, 44 of which included change of service from 110 to 220 volts due to bad conditions or increase in load. 38 of these were permits for power oil burners.

All jobs have been inspected up to date but approximately 30 which are still in the process of construction.

A total of 260 calls have been made since April 13, 1954 covering 985 miles.

There are many calls made at the request of persons who are planning to have electrical work installed and would like information.

I would like to express to the townspeople that it is very important to have electrical work done by a competent licensed electrician. It is for their own safety that electrical work be inspected.

I wish to thank the Board of Selectmen, Electric Light Dept. and the people of Middleton for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MURPHY

FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen,
Citizens of the Town:

The following is the report of the Fire Department for the year 1954. The Department was called 80 times.

Buildings	18
Auto and Truck	0
Brush, Woods and Dump	19
Grass	9
Oil Burners	4
Chimney	2
Electrical	1
Gas Explosion	1
Miscellaneous (Accidents, Etc.)	16
Rescue Calls	3
Out of Town	2
Lost Persons	1
Needless	2
False	2
Total	80
Box Alarms	45
Still Alarms	35
Total	80

I am happy to report that the new Fire Station and Highway Building is now completed, and will be dedicated in the near future. I have received many favorable comments, from prominent fire officials, in neighboring cities and towns, about the amount of building received for the amount of money spent.

We are now anticipating a new course, in first aid and fire fighting.

I am inserting an Article in the Town Meeting Warrant for the Fire Department, asking for $1,800.00 for radio equipment.

I should like to present the following reasons for asking for this equipment:

(1) By having radio on Engine 1, 2 and 3, it will allow placing apparatus at strategic points at all fires, thus saving valuable minutes, and reducing confusion.

(2) Radio will allow headquatrers to be in contact with all equipment when out of the station. This is extremely important.

(3) By uniting with the Electric Light Department we are able to take advantage of their Base Station equipment, which represents a saving of approximately $1,750.00.

(4) The members of the Electric Light Department are also members of the Fire Department. The purchase of this equipment will guarantee the response of these men to all fires. Coupled with the other available manpower, this gives the Town good fire protection during the crucial daytime hours.

(5) Under the pending State Civil Defense and Mutual Aid Plans, local fire equipment will be asked to go to the aid of our many neighbors. This equipment will be a great help at these times.

The Town will not regret the purchase of this equipment because it will greatly increase efficiency and keep the Fire Department up with the modern trends.

It has been indeed pleasing to notice the difference in the morale of the department. The men certainly have shown their appreciation of the new building. The equipment is being kept up now, without any equivocations. The men take pride in their respective trucks.

Once again may I say thanks for the wonderful cooperation I have received from the Board of Fire Engineers, my officers, and men. Also thanks to the citizens of the Town, for the wonderful building, and for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY

Chief, Fire Dept.

FIRE STATION AND HIGHWAY BUILDING COMMITTEE

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:
Citizens of the Town:

The committee wishes to report, that the new fire station has been in daily use to house fire apparatus since August, 1954, even though the building was not completely finished.

The Highway Dept. moved into their new quarters on December 1 ,1954, after yard area and ramp had been surfaced with 60 tons of hot-top material.

It should be of interest, that the building proper, as contracted for, by Conti & Donahue, Inc. of Lynn, Mass., has been accepted by the architect, Ray Thibideau, of Hamilton, Mass., as completed, on December 21, 1954.

The committee has some outside work to complete, after the old Fire House is dismantled. Funds are available for this work.

The sum of $227.00 bid by the Muzichuk Building Wrecking Co. of Middleton, for the old Fire House, has been paid to the Town Treasurer. This money is not available to this committee for use on this project.

The committee is formulating plans to dedicate the new Fire Station and Highway Building, in the near future.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. PURDY, Chairman

WILLIAM BIRCH, Secretary

WILBUR RUNDLETT

JOHN HOCTER, SR.

REPORT OF PLANNING BOARD

Board of Selectmen
Town of Middleton

Board of Selectmen:

The Planning Board submits the following report for the year 1954.

This Board organized at the first regular meeting following the town election with Arthur Tuttle as chairman, and Roger Pennell as secretary. We held regular meetings each month as well as many specials.

There were many requests before the Board during the year of which replies were made and considered in the interest of the town. We had several developers, and individual land owners requesting information regarding the Towns subdivision control laws.

We have held three open meetings the past year for the purpose of enlightening the voters as to the progress for the Rezoning of the Town. This work has been completed and will be presented at the Annual Town Meeting.

There were petitions before us regarding the acceptance of streets, recommendations were made which we considered to be in the best interest of the Town.

This has been a very busy year for the board and we wish to thank the Board of Slectmen, and other Boards and Departments for their full cooperation which was extended us.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR S. TUTTLE

ROGER L. PENNELL

FRANK SILVA

LOUIS BARETT

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE REPORT
BUREAU OF OLD AGE ASSISTANCE REPORT

Report to the Town of Middleton for the year ending December 31, 1954.

GENERAL RELIEF:		
Unsettled state	2 cases	11 persons
Outside cities and towns	4 cases	6 persons
Middleton settled	7 cases	18 persons
Division of Child Guardianship	2 cases	2 persons
State Infirmary	2 cases	2 persons
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:		
(No settlement laws in ADC)	7 cases	23 children
DISABILITY ASSISTANCE:		
(No settlement laws in DA)	2 cases	2 persons
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:		
Unsettled state	11 cases	
Ouside Cities and towns	11 cases	
Middleton settled	24 cases	
Total	46 cases	
CUMMINGS FUND:		
Persons aided (Middleton Residents)	5 cases	18 persons

The general trend is for a decreasing case load in all categories with the exception of ADC. However, though the number aided is smaller there is a state wide trend for higher expenditure per case. This can be traced directly to the increased and increasing cost of medical care, and the medical care programme. In Old Age Assistance it can be attributed to the larger number of persons now being cared for in nursing homes and because of the general advance in age of our population. In the other categories it means improved care and supervision of medical needs.

		Per Month	Per Case
Average medical payroll for OAA for 1954	Total	$1523.43	$33.12
Average medical payroll for DA for 1954	Total	107.16	53.53
Average medical payroll for ADC for 1954	Total	37.60	5.30

The Board of Public Welfare wishes to thank the other departments of the Town for their cooperation throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES PASQUALE, Chairman
LESLIE MERRIFIELD
LEYLAND A. PHILLIPS, Clerk

Town of Middleton

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

OF THE

FINANCE COMMITTEE

TO THE ANNUAL TOWN MEETING MARCH 15, 1955

Your finance committee hereby submits its report and recommendations for the 1955 budget.

All items have been considered with due regard to the needs and abilities of the town to defray such expenditures. All departments were consulted separately and an open meeting was held February 8, 1955.

The latter meeting was attended by all department heads and sponsors of articles of the warrant, and a few other interested citizens. Several discussions with department heads were subsequently held, and some slight reductions made.

The total budget for all departments is greater than last year's expenditures by $17,373.63. This, in a large measure reflects an increase in salaries and wages of the town employees. Other expenses are substantially the same as they were in previous yars, and seem to be irreducible.

Should all articles requesting additional appropriations be accepted by the voters of the town, the total budget to be raised by taxation would be $315,132.12. Should article (4) be accepted, this amount would reduce to $303,132.12 or $15,688.63 more than was expended in 1954.

An increase of approximately $7.00 on the tax rate seems imminent.

The following transfers from the Finance Committee Reserve Fund have been approved during the past year.

Date	To	Amount
4-8-54	Town Accountant	$ 26.60
5-18-54	Town Counsel	14.85
11-2-54	Town Clerk	275.00
11-2-54	Police Department	200.00
11-4-54	Registrations and Elections	100.00
12-20-54	Planning Board	150.00
12-31-54	Veterans Aid	265.08
12-31-54	Cemetery	39.90
12-31-54	Selectmen	8.65
12-31-54	Planning Board	.60
	Total	$ 1,080.68
	Transferred to Surplus Revenue	919.32
		$ 2,000.00

Respectfully submitted,

ELMER L. McINTIRE, Chairman
HAZEN M. RICHARDSON
FREDERICK C. JONES
RICHARD CRESSEY
DONALD A. AYLWARD, Clerk
Finance Committee

ANNUAL TOWN WARRANT

ARTICLE 1. To hear and act on Committee Reports.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 2. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1955, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew such note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 17 of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 3. To see what action the Town will take to defray the town expenses for the ensuing year.

Committee recommendations are set forth in schedule "A".

ARTICLE 4. To see if the town will authorize the Board of Assessors to use $12,000.00 from available funds to reduce the tax rate.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 5. To see if the town will vote to accept Chapter 41, Section 100A of the General Laws of Massachusetts Ter. Cent. Ed. as amended which enables the town to make an appropriation for the Indemnification of Officers or Employees for damages to others incurred on account of injuries arising out of their operation of town owned vehicles.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 6. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $640.00 for the purpose of reimbursing Allan Marshall for a property damage claim against him by one, Edward Marchewka, while said Marshall was engaged in the business of the town.

Committe recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 7. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,000.00 for the purpose of reimbursing Allan Marshall

for personal injury claims against him by Edward Marchewka and Mary Marchesini while the said Allan Marshall was engaged in the business of the town.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 8. To see if the town, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 5 (1), will raise and appropriate the sum of $1,500.00 to pay a proper charge for effecting insurance for the protection of any officer or employee, or volunteer driver approved by the Selectmen, against loss by reason of his liability to pay damages to others caused by the operation with the scope of his duties or employment of motor vehicles owned by the town.

Committee recommends more discussion on this article.

ARTICLE 9. On petition of the Honor Roll Committee to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,600.00 to erect a monument for World War II Veterans.

Committee recommends that this article be amended and the money used to set up a "Living Memorial".

ARTICLE 10. On petition of Joseph S. Connor and others, to see if the town will accept portions of the streets, namely, Curtis Avenue, Phaneuf Street, north portion, beginning at a point at the intersection with Boston Street and extending easterly for a distance of three hundred feet. Phaneuf Street, south portion beginning at a point at the intersection of Boston Street and extending easterly for a distance of six hundred feet as shown on a plan entitled Subdivision Plan in Middleton for Wm. V. Heard, Esquire.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 11. To see if the town will permit the Middleton Historical Society the use of the former town jail as a museum as long as the Society maintains it as such; such Society to undertake such repairs as are necessary to make the building usable for this purpose.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 12. To see if the town will give the bell formerly hung in the old fire house to the Middleton Historical Society for preservation as an object of historical interest to the town.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 13. On petition of the Fire Chief to see if the town will vote to raise the sum of $1,800.00 to buy the following radio equipment, three (3) mobile units, and one (1) remote control unit. This amount to be taken from available funds.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 14. On peition of the Finance Committee to see if the town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint one of its members to the office of Town Counsel for the ensuing year at a salary of $600.00 in accordance with Section 4A of Chapter 41 (Ter. Ed.) of the General Laws.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 15. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Electric Light Commissioners, or its Agent, to hire one of its members from time to time as a lineman at an hourly salary of $1.55 in accordance with Section 4A of Chapter 41 (Ter. Ed.) of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Committee recommends that this article be discussed at greater length at town meeting.

ARTICLE 16. On petition of the Howe-Manning School Parent-Teachers Association, to see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,000.00 for a summer recreational program to be administered by the Park department.

Committee feels that this article should be given more study in as much as the School facilities will be needed to properly carry on such a program, and refers this article to the School Department for further study.

ARTICLE 17. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of $775.00 which together with the exchange value of the present 1953 Ford Police car is to be expended for the purchase of a new Police Cruiser for use of the Police Department, to be purchasd by the Board of Selectmen as provided in the By-Laws, agreeable to the petition of the Chief of Police.

Committee recommends approval of this article.

ARTICLE 18. To see if the town will vote to amend the Zoning By-Law by adopting the proposed amendments thereto set forth in

a publication entitled "Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Town of Middleton", referred to in the notice of public hearing thereon, and distributed to all voters in connection with said notice, including amendments to the zoning districts shown on a new zoning map entitled "Zoning District Map of the Town of Middleton," dated July 1954, also referred to in said notice, and displayed at said hearing and at the office of the Town Clerk prior thereto; or take any other action relative thereto according to the recommendations of the Planning Board.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 19. To see if the town will vote to amend the Building By-Laws by striking out Section 8 through 10, inclusive, and substituting a new section 10 therefor as set forth in a publication entitled "Proposed Amendments to the By-Laws of the Town of Middleton," distributed to all voters; or take any other action relative thereto, according to the recommendations of the Planning Board.

No recommendation needed.

ARTICLE 20. To see what action the town will take to appropriate the sum of one thousand dollars to provide off the street parking in front of the school building — area to be hot-topped and a curb provided approximately twenty feet beyond the sidewalk from Park Street to the school driveway.

Committee recommends this article be discussed at Town meeting.

Schedule A

RECOMMENDATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 3

Item No.	Item		Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 5.02% OF TOTAL				
	Moderator				
1.		Salary	$ 50.00	$ 50.00	$ 50.00
	Finance Comm.				
2.		Expenses	19.08	15.30	45.00
	Selectmen				
3.		Salaries	900.00	900.00	900.00
4.		Expenses	349.44	458.65	450.00
5.		Clerk		250.00	250.00
6.		Perambulating			150.00
	Accountant				
7.		Salary	900.00	900.00	1,000.00
8.		Expenses	71.61	55.51	100.00
	Treasurer				
9.		Salary	833.35	900.00	1,000.00
10.		Expenses	514.68	658.61	537.00
11.		Tax Titles	219.58	285.25	400.00
	Collector				
12.		Salary	833.33	900.00	1,000.00
13.		Expenses	653.08	709.60	718.75
	Assessors				
14.		Salaries	1,500.00	1,500.00	1,500.00
15.		Expenses	730.08	750.00	675.00
16.		Equipment			577.00
	Counsel				
17.		Salary	533.33	600.00	600.00
18.		Expenses	122.16	14.85	150.00
	Clerk				
19.		Salary	400.00	400.00	400.00
20.		Expenses	96.19	337.48	125.00
	Elections and Registrations				
21.		Salaries	140.00	220.00	265.00
22.		Expenses	340.43	693.96	275.00

Item No.	Item		Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
	Planning Board				
23.		Expenses	72.33	350.60	200.00
24.		Survey		1,925.00	
	Town Hall				
25.		Salary	622.00	480.00	480.00
26.		Expenses	609.86	647.94	650.00
27.		Painting			700.00
	Memorial Hall				
28.		Salaries	320.00	360.00	360.00
29.		Expenses	1,357.76	1,969.08	1,500.00
30.		Special	428.77	700.00	250.00
	TOTALS		$12,617.06	$17,031.83	$15,307.75
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY—7.06% OF TOTAL					
	Constable				
31.		Salary	35.00	35.00	35.00
	Police Dept.				
32.		Chief Salary	3,490.00	3,900.00	4,420.00
33.		Wages	1,649.19	2,048.20	2,400.00
34.		Expenses	1,734.08	1,976.06	1,740.00
35.		Car			775.00
	TOTALS		6,908.27	7,959.26	9,370.00
	Civil Defense				
36.		Expenses	264.56	407.05	100.00
	Fire Dept.				
37.		Salaries	776.25	1,095.00	1,115.00
38.		Expenses	4,246.79	4,574.64	5,875.00
39.					
	TOTALS		5,023.04	5,669.64	7,090.00
	Building Insp.				
40.		Salary	333.33	400.00	400.00
41.		Expenses	95.16	100.00	100.00
	TOTALS		428.49	500.00	500.00
	Board of Appeals				
42.		Expenses	172.86	235.00	285.00

Item No.	Item		Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
	Wire Insp.				
43.		Salary	133.33	200.00	300.00
44.		Expenses	39.27	50.00	80.00
	TOTALS		172.60	250.00	380.00
	Sealer of Wghts. and Measures				
45.		Salary	125.00	125.00	125.00
46.		Expenses	58.01	353.54	75.00
	TOTALS		183.01	478.54	200.00
	Forestry Dept.				
47.	Moth Expenses		1,184.53	1,499.98	1,200.00
48.	Tree Expenses		1,729.06	1,964.24	1,000.00
49.	Dutch Elm Control		399.07	490.45	1,000.00
50.	Poison Ivy Control			183.20	
51.	Trailer For Sprayer			250.00	
52.	Planting New Trees				200.00
	TOTALS		3,312.66	4,387.87	3,400.00
	Dog Officer				
53.		Salary	100.00	100.00	100.00
54.		Expenses		182.00	200.00
	TOTALS		100.00	282.00	300.00
	GRAND TOTAL PROTECTION PERSONS AND PROPERTY		$16,565.49	$20,169.36	$21,525.00
	HEALTH AND SANITATION — 1.23% OF TOTAL				
	Board of Health				
55.		Salaries		120.00	120.00
56.		Expenses	1,808.72	1,900.00	1,900.00
	TOTALS		1,808.72	2,020.00	2,020.00
	Dental Clinic				
57.		Expenses	556.36	1,253.29	1,500.00
	Insp. of Cattle				
58.		Salary	200.00	200.00	200.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
	Insp., Slaughtering			
59.	Salary	25.00	25.00	25.00
	GRAND TOTAL HEALTH AND SANITATION	$ 2,590.08	$ 3,498.29	$ 3,745.00
	HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — 17.81% OF TOTAL			
60.	Road Machinery Account	3,915.53	4,493.77	4,000.00
61.	Highway Surveyor Salary, (From Available Dept. Funds)	3,246.66	3,536.00	3,770.00
62.	Highway General Fund	4,184.09	7,659.04	5,000.00
63.	Chapter 81	4,800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00
64.	Chapter 81 State	8,800.00	8,800.00	8,800.00
65.	Chapter 90 Construction	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
66.	Chapter 90 State and County	6,000.00	6,000.00	6,000.00
67.	Chapter 90 Maintenance	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
68.	Chapter 90 State	1,000.00	1,000.00	1,000.00
69.	Snow Removal	6,305.12	7,062.26	7,500.00
70.	Street Lights	3,500.00	3,500.00	3,500.00
71.	Peabody Street Bridge			1,500.00
72.	State and County			4,500.00
	GRAND TOTAL HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT	$45,751.40	$50,851.07	$54,370.00
	CHARITIES — 14.03% OF TOTAL			
	Public Welfare			
73.	Salaries	475.00	650.00	650.00
74.	Expenses	3,966.24	4,605.35	6,000.00
	TOTALS	$ 4,441.24	$ 5,255.35	$ 6,650.00
75.	Old Age Assistance Aid	17,787.94	26,138.30	30,000.00
76.	Federal Grant			
77.	Aid Dependent Children	2,646.34	4,317.59	4,500.00
78.	Federal Grant			
79.	Disability Assistance Aid	348.33	1,105.58	1,000.00
80.	Federal Grant Aid			

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
81.	Welfare District Adm.	893.83	618.00	623.00
	TOTALS	21,676.44	32,179.47	36,123.00
GRAND TOTAL CHARITIES		$26,117.68	$37,434.82	$42,773.00
	VETERANS SERVICES — 1.41% OF TOTAL			
	Veterans Agent			
82.	Salary	250.00	250.00	250.00
83.	Expenses	000.00	5.00	50.00
84.	Veterans Aid	1,493.35	6,265.08	4,000.00
GRAND TOTAL VETERANS SERVICES		$ 1,743.35	$ 6,520.08	$ 4,300.00
	SCHOOLS — 40.49% OF TOTAL			
85.	Salaries and Wages	62,564.00	61,699.11	65,600.00
86.	Expenses	54,996.25	50,427.02	57,425.00
87.	Supt. Out of State Travel	75.00	75.00	100.00
88.	Vocational Education	2,500.00	1,207.12	1,500.00
TOTAL SCHOOL DEPARTMENT		120,135.25	113,408.26	124,625.00
	LIBRARY — .98% OF TOTAL			
89.	Salaries	1,254.69	1,400.00	1,400.00
90.	Expenses	1,708.84	2,371.69	1,600.00
	Plus Dog Tax Refund			761.05
TOTAL LIBRARY		2,963.53	3,771.69	3,000.00
	RECREATION — .27% OF TOTAL			
	Park			
91.	Expenses	771.27	798.16	840.00
92.	Equipment	300.00	127.86	000.00
TOTAL RECREATION		1,071.27	926.02	840.00
	UNCLASSIFIED — 2.93% OF TOTAL			
93.	Retirement Fund Assessment	2,122.79	3,192.15	3,292.13
94.	Memorial Day	370.92	376.11	400.00
95.	Town Reports	791.85	926.60	1,000.00
96.	Insurance	4,247.64	2,614.70	4,000.00

Item No.	Item	Average Expended 1951-1953	Expended 1954	Recommended 1955
97.	Christmas Tree Lighting	75.00	67.65	75.00
98.	1955 Census			175.00
99.	Reserve Fund (From overlay reserve)	1,062.51	1,072.68	2,000.00
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED		8,670.71	8,249.89	8,942.13
	ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT			
100.	Salaries (Inc. Comm., Clerk and Mgr.)	7,925.80	7,580.00	7,990.00
101.	Wages	14,416.86	14,219.10	12,500.00
102.	Energy	73,738.99	73,093.42	72,000.00
103.	Expenses	16,740.38	18,482.38	16,000.00
104.	Depreciation	4,381.60	4,199.77	4,500.00
105.	Line clearance	1,250.00	2,986.95	0,000.00
106.	Reserve Fund	1,000.00		0,000.00
TOTAL ELECTRIC LIGHT DEPARTMENT		119,453.63	120,561.62	112,990.00
	CEMETERIES — 1.77% OF TOTAL			
107.	Supt of Burials, Salary	30.00	30.00	30.00
108.	Commissioners, Salaries	60.00	60.00	60.00
109.	Cemetery, Expenses	3,009.45	3,494.98	3,800.00
110.	Opening Graves	554.65	781.90	750.00
111.	Hot Top	700.00	486.55	500.00
112.	Reimbursement for Insurance Claim, (Lot Damage)			250.00
TOTAL CEMETERY DEPT.		$ 4,354.10	$ 4,853.43	$ 5,390.00
	MATURING DEBT AND INTEREST — 6.56% OF TOTAL			
113.	School Construction Loan	2,000.00	2,000.00	2,000.00
114.	School Addition Loan	10,000.00	10,000.00	9,597.99
115.	Fire-Highway Bldg. Loan		5,000.00	5,000.00
116.	Interest	3,480.00	3,728.75	3,401.25
TOTAL DEBT AND INTEREST		$15,480.00	$20,728.75	$19,999.24
GRAND TOTAL RECOMMENDATIONS 1955 BUDGET		$258,059.92	$287,443.49	$304,817.12

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Town of

Middleton

also

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

for the Year Ending December 31,

1954

SCHOOL REPORT

School Committee

MR. EBEN L. JEWETT, Chairman	Term expires 1955
MRS. ROSAMOND BASTABLE, Secretary	Term expires 1955
MR. HAROLD F. PURDY	Term expires 1956
MR. HENRY LUSCOMB	Term expires 1957
MR. ELMER MORRILL	Term expires 1957

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

THOMAS L. RIVARD, Tewksbury

Office: North Street School Tel. Ulysses 1-2431

The superintendent may be seen at the Howe-Manning School by appointment. Appointments may be made through Mr. Raymond Dower, Principal. Telephone Danvers 475-M 1.

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Mrs. Lois Rogers, M.D. Topsfield, Mass.

SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Louise Brennan, R.N. Salem, Mass.

School Calendar
1955

Open January 3, 1955 Close February 18, 1955

VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open February 28, 1955 Close April 15, 1955

VACATION — ONE WEEK

Open April 25, 1955 Close June 17, 1955

SUMMER VACATION

Open September 7, 1955 Close December 23, 1955

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

February 22 Good Friday May 30
November 11 October 12 November 24 and 25
(and such other days as the School Committee may designate)

The School Calendar may be subject to change.

No School Signals

The following no school signals have been adopted:

a. 2-2-2 blast on the fire alarm.
b. Two blasts at the B. B. Chemical Co.
c. Street lights on for three minutes.
d. Radio Stations WBZ and WNAC will carry an announcement on their regular no school broadcasts.

The signal for the High School will be at 7:15 A.M. The signal for the Howe-Manning School will be at 7:45 A.M.

SCHOOL CENSUS
October 1, 1954

Age	Girls	Boys	Total
5—7	32	40	72
7—16	203	234	437
4—5	26	24	50
3—4	25	27	52
2—3	21	26	47
1—2	42	30	72
Under one year (both boys and girls)			57

Age of School Admission

All children born on or before January 1, 1950 are eligible to attend school in the coming fall term. No entrance tests for children under the age requirements will be given.

HOWE-MANNING SCHOOL
Corps of Teachers 1954-1955

Name		Grade	Date of Appointment
Raymond S. Dower, Jr., M.Ed., Principal	Boston University		Sept. 1951
Catherine Devane	Lesley College	1	Sept. 1937
Majorie Shaw, B.S. Ed.	Salem Teachers Col.	1	Sept. 1950
Ruth Edwards, B.A.	Tufts College	2	Sept. 1953
Rosemary McHugh, B.S. Ed.	Salem Teachers Col.	2	Sept. 1954
Gail O'Dea, B.A.	Marymount College	3	Sept. 1954
Gladys Williams	Bridgewater Normal	3	Sept. 1954
Betty Boudreau, B.S. Ed.	Lowell Teachers Col.	4	Sept. 1954
Fannie Hinkley	Salem Teachers Col.	4&5	Sept. 1914
J. Nellie Johnston	Salem Teachers Col.	5	Sept. 1949
Mary Clare Hickey, B.A.	Merrimack College	6	Sept. 1954
Eugene Winter, B.S. Ed.	Lowell Teachers Col.	6	Sept. 1954
Lillian Taylor, B.S. Ed.	Salem Teachers Col.	7	Sept. 1953
Eleanor Lozeau, M. Ed.	Boston University	7	Sept. 1953
James Georgakakos, B.S.	Purdue University	8	Sept. 1954
David Phillips, B.S. Ed.	Boston University	8	Sept. 1954

Supervisors

Barbara Prinn, B.A.	Middlebury College	Read.	Sept. 1954
Doris Nyquist, B.M.	N. E. Con. of Music	Music	Sept. 1951
Edward Bruzzo, B.S.	Tufts College	Art	Oct. 1953
William Rinehart, Dir.	Rinehart Handwriting	Penmanship	Sept. 1951

Janitor and Attendance

Nathan Hayward, Jr. Middleton

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

The school committee hereby submits to the citizens of Middleton its annual report for the year 1954:

During the past year some major projects in building maintenance have been undertaken. All of the soft coal which had been in the boiler room since before the installation of oil heat has been removed. The room has been washed down, painted, and converted into needed storage space. The problem of the muddy play area has been minimized somewhat by sacrificing the lawn area on either side of the walk at the side of the school and having that space filled, graded, and hot-topped. The committee had the outside of the windows washed for the first time since the school was built. This makes for a much brighter appearance of the classrooms.

With Central Street being made one-way, the school is faced with a parking problem for its twenty odd personnel. To sacrifice some of the lawn in the front of the school for a parking area seems to be the best solution to this pressing problem.

During the year a new duplicating machine, an opaque projector, and a slicing machine have been purchased. We feel that a new movie projector should be bought during the coming year as the present one has seen a great deal of service and can be used in the classroom to supplement a new one which would be used in the auditorium.

This year the committee has employed a part-time secretary for the school office. This arrangement has been most effective and has relieved our principal, Mr. Dower, of many petty details and clerical duties and has allowed more time for supervision and educational matters.

The committee received a request for a salary increase from the teachers' association. Although the committee did not see fit to grant the request in its entirety, a change was made in the schedule by increasing the yearly increment from $100 to $150 and setting the maximum for a Bachelor's degree at $4,150. The committee felt that these changes in schedule would put Middleton on a more equitable basis with other communities and might help to stabilize our teaching staff.

The committee has been somewhat disappointed during the past year that some phases of its educational program have had to be curtailed because of increased enrollment with its resulting lack of space and is hopeful that action is impending that will prevent further curtailment of our educational program. It has been necessary to have one of our eighth-grade classes held in the auditorium during

this school year. Aside from the fact that such a set-up is not conducive to the best learning situation, it has necessitated the abandonment of the physical education program for the lower grades. It has also been necessary to take over the room on the lower floor as a classroom instead of having it available for activity groups. To schedule activities such as instrumental music during school time poses a problem because of lack of space.

Middleton is at the present time faced with many far-reaching and crucial decisions in respect to its educational future. Your committee would like to admonish its citizens to become conversant with these problems and give them your serious consideration and investigation. The future of high school education for Middleton pupils has not been settled. Our future security in Danvers is quite doubtful. The possibility and feasibility of a regional arrangement should be given serious and careful investigation. If an additional school building is decided upon, the advisability of having it be a junior high school should be seriously considered. The future of our superintendency union with Tewksbury is doubtful. The Tewksbury committee has expressed the need for a full-time superintendent because of the tremendous population growth it is experiencing. A meeting will soon be held with Tewksbury and another with the State Department of Education to determine the future of Middleton in this respect.

It is with very deep regret that the committee has accepted the resignation of our superintendent, Mr. Rivard, to be effective in February. We have been fortunate indeed to have such a person — a man of sterling qualities of character, of boundless energy, and with a very profound knowledge of education and educational problems. Our school has flourished under his guidance. To you, Mr. Rivard, our very sincere thanks and our best wishes for success in your new position. We shall do our utmost to maintain the high standard of education that we have attained under your very kind and able leadership.

The committee would also like to take this opportunity to express our sincere thanks to our principal, Mr. Dower; our teachers and supervisors; our school janitor; and our very capable cafeteria staff for their fine cooperation and loyalty during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

MIDDLETON SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Eben L. Jewett, Chairman
Rosamond L. Bastable, Clerk
Harold F. Purdy
Henry F. Luscomb
Elmer P. Morrill

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To the Middleton School Committee:

I herewith submit my fourth and final report as Superintendent of the Middleton Public School System.

Instruction

During the past four years the teachers, administrators and School Committee have been working constantly on the modernization and improvement of the educational system. As a result of this constant evaluation all basic textbooks have been replaced; a standardized system of handwriting, a new report card, a cumulative record card and a testing program adopted; the music and art departments reorganized; the scope of the remedial reading department enlarged; and the curriculum of the seventh and eighth grades departmentalized. Physical education and guidance have been introduced and an excellent audio-visual aid program is under way.

The next phase in this program is an evaluation of the entire educational system relative to developing a philosophy of education — objectives, aim, methods — with resulting courses of study for all subjects as well as handbooks of duties from the level of the School Committee down to the custodian democratically arrived at.

Full use is made of all types of clinics in the area so that every child is given the opportunity to develop to the fullest extent of his ability thus assuring him of becoming a happy well-adjusted citizen.

As individuals our concern for schooling must not be confined simply to our own children. Each of us, whether we have school age children or not must be virtually concerned with the ultimate product of our schools — for the young school child of today is our citizen of tomorrow. The extent to which our children are well taught will, in the long run, be the measure of the world we live in.

The broad testing program carried on under the supervision of the Principal has disclosed much helpful and pertinent information. This information is invaluable for curriculum planning, remedial work and for general evaluation of progress.

During the past year teachers and administrators have had many meetings and workshops which have resulted in the preparing of quantities of instructional materials designed to meet the needs of all types of students. Modern methods of instruction have been encouraged and every child given the opportunity to participate in some activity.

School Facilities

While the Town of Middleton has been fortunate to escape the rapid growth of many of the neighboring towns, there has been, nevertheless, a slow but constant rate of increase in school population. The gymnasium now houses one class and within the next two years two additional classes will be needed.

However, additional elementary classrooms are only one part of a three-fold question. The other two parts yet to be answered are: 1, Where will our high school students go when Danvers can no longer house them? 2, What type of superintendency should Middleton have when the Tewksbury Middleton Union is eventually dissolved?

I believe that part if not all of these answers will be found in some sort of a regional setup with one of the neighboring towns. I strongly urge that the citizens of Middleton be cognizant of these problems and attempt to find a solution rather than to live in the false security that "time takes care of everything".

Conclusion

I have enjoyed my work as superintendent of schools in Middleton over the past three and three-quarter years. While the kind of education our children are getting depends to a great extent on the teaching staff, it depends further on the philosophy and attitude of the School Committee. The citizens of Middleton have indeed been fortunate in their selection of citizens to serve as members of their school committee. I expect to work with many school committees in the years ahead. While some may equal the quality, unselfishness, and wisdom of the present members of the Middleton School Committee none will ever exceed them. May the citizens of Middleton continue to elect this type of civic-minded individual to represent them on the School Committee.

I commend the Principal and the staff of the Howe-Manning School, both teaching and non-teaching personnel, for their outstanding cooperation and loyalty. Their personal interest in children is clearly reflected in their work. I call your attention to the special reports appended to this report which should provide our citizens with additional knowledge of some of the work carried on in the school.

I express my deep and heartfelt appreciation to the entire staff, the School Committee, and the citizens of the Town of Middleton for thir loyal support and cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS L. RIVARD,
Superintendent of Schools

ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Age-Grade Distribution — October 1, 1954

Age / Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	Total
I	10	43	9	1										63
II		8	44	6										58
III			15	46	2									63
IV				10	20	5	2							37
V				4	13	15	3	4						39
VI						9	39	6	2					56
VII							10	32	4					46
VIII								9	32	6	2			49
Total	10	51	68	67	35	29	54	51	38	6	2			411

Teacher-Grade Distribution — October 1, 1954

Teacher	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	Grade 5	Grade 6	Grade 7	Grade 8	Total
Miss Devane	31								31
Mrs. Shaw	32								32
Mrs. Edwards		29							29
Miss McHugh		29							29
Mrs. Williams			31						31
Miss O'Dea			32						32
Mrs. Boudreau				28					28
Miss Hinkley				9	13				22
Mrs. Johnston					26				26
Miss Hickey						29			29
Mr. Winter						27			27
Mrs. Lozeau							23		23
Mrs. Taylor							23		23
Mr. Georgakakos								25	25
Mr. Phillips								24	24
Totals	63	58	63	37	39	56	46	49	411

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

Herein, and on the following pages, is my fourth annual report as Principal of the Howe-Manning School to the citizens of the Town of Middleton. The report has been divided into major sections for ease in reading.

FACULTY

Again, this year, one more classroom teacher has been added to the total teaching staff due to the necessity of forming a second Eighth Grade class. The faculty now numbers fifteen classroom teachers, an Art Supervisor, Music Supervisor, Reading Supervisor, Penmanship Supervisor, and Principal. New teachers added to the faculty because of resignations include: Grade Two, Miss Rosemary McHugh; Grade Three, Miss Gail O'Dea and Mrs. Gladys Williams; Grade Four, Mrs. Betty Boudreau; Grade Six, Mr. Eugene Winter and Miss Mary Clare Hickey; Grade Eight, Mr. James Georgakakos and Mr. David Phillips. Mrs. Barbara Prinn is now Reading Supervisor. Changes in teaching assignments include the transfer of Mrs. Lillian Taylor from Grade Five to Grade Seven. Grades Seven and Eight are organized departmentally. The teaching assignments follow: Grades Seven: Mrs. Lillian Taylor — English, Music, and Art. Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau — Science, Guidance, and Girls Physical Education. Grades Eight: Mr. James Georgakakos — Math, Guidance, and Penmanship. Mr. David Phillips — Social Studies and Boys Physical Education. A complete roster of teaching personnel may be found elsewhere in this report.

CURRICULUM

The addition of another Eighth Grade class has necessitated changes in assignments for teachers in Grades Seven and Eight. The second Eighth Grade class has been placed in the school gymnasium for lack of classroom space. Students in Grades Seven and Eight have been able to receive additional instruction in music and art due to the addition of another teacher. Heretofore, these students only received instruction from the special teachers in these fields but now it is possible for them to receive instruction from one of the regular members of the faculty in addition. Mrs. Lillian Taylor has been assigned to these duties. Emphasis has been placed this year on music interpretation and appreciation for these children under Mrs. Taylor's supervision. It is now possible this year to begin an art

lesson under the direction of the Art Supervisor, Mr. Bruzzo, and to complete this work under the direction of Mrs. Taylor.

Classes in guidance instruction are now held weekly with eighth grade pupils under the direction of Mr. James Georgakakos and Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau. Emphasis in this has been placed on planning for high school. Also the types of occupations available after high school, together with the scholastic preparation needed to qualify are highlighted.

New spelling texts have been added in Grades Two through Eight and have already proven of considerable aid to the language arts program.

To aid pupils in their study of current events and language arts, the "Junior Scholastic" magazine has been added to the curriculum in Grades Six, Seven, and Eight. This weekly periodical, which the pupils purchase individually for a small sum, is used as a basis for current events discussions and reading for interest and pleasure. This magazine is especially adapted for students of these grade levels for subject matter and vocabulary enrichment.

HEALTH

Two new and vital additions have been made to the school clinic during the past year. The school now has its own equipment for testing hearing competency. This set can be employed to test children individually or in groups. The other item is the new Massachusetts Vision kit for testing eyesight. Heretofore, it was necessary for the school to await its turn sometime during the school year when the state-owned equipment would arrive after being used at some other school in the vicinity. Now it is possible to test children immediately when teachers suspect difficulties existing in the above-mentioned areas.

Much improvement has been noted in the condition of the children's teeth since the inception of the school dental clinic. A word of appreciation is expressed here to the Middleton Women's Club who have contributed $50.00 to date and to the Parent-Teachers Association who have contributed $25.00 to help defray expenses of dental work done for children unable to pay for the service.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

One of the additions to school life at Howe-Manning School has been the formation of the school orchestra under the direction of Mrs. Doris Nyquist, Music Supervisor. This unit has been formed

during the past year and has already performed for the public at Graduation Exercises and for the Parent-Teachers Association. The orchestra meets once a week under the direction of Mrs. Nyquist for rehearsals. This enables the students to gain experience performing with others which should be excellent preparation for future aspirants to high school musical organizations such as band and orchestra.

This past year saw the beginning of instrumental instruction at Howe-Manning School. Through the cooperation of Carl Fischer Music Company of Boston, Mr. Edward Miles of Lowell visits the school on Tuesday afternoons and lessons are given at the close of the regular school day. Students may purchase their own musical instruments or borrow school instruments of which there are several.

With the beginning of the present scholastic year, individual piano lessons are now being offered on Tuesday afternoons at the close of the regular school day. Mrs. Patricia Burke of North Reading is the instructor. Thus, the school is attempting to fulfill its role of offering to the community cultural opportunities which might not be readily available to small communities.

Again, this year, school assemblies are held periodically on the average of twice a month. National holidays are observed in appropriate fashion with each classroom teacher responsible for one assembly during the school year. The assemblies are held on Thursday mornings and the programs are introduced and presented by the children. A subscription to "Plays" magazine has been entered. This magazine presents graded material to aid teachers in selecting programs to be presented at assemblies.

Tuesday, October 19th, saw the faculty at Howe-Manning School act as hosts for the North Shore Chapter of the American Childhood Education Society which is composed of kindergarten and elementary school teachers in towns along the North Shore from Gloucester to Lynn. It was the second time in 17 years that this group met in this community. More than 500 teachers attended this meeting which presented an opportunity to Middleton to display its educational facilities.

The Middleton Teachers Association, composed of the fuculty members of Howe-Manning School, prepared and staged an "Open House" for parents of the children attending school for the second year in a row in observance of National Education Week which was held in November.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

Foremost among the new equipment purchased during the past year has been the opaque projector. This machine will project a page from a textbook onto a screen or wall for all the children to see and is a valuable teaching aid, particularly when there are only a few copies of the material to be studied or discussed.

Through the contributions made by Parent Teacher Association members at meetings, a new magazine rack has been made for the school library. The funds realized from the "Little Red Schoolhouse" which is passed around at the meetings were of sufficient amount to allow for the manufacture of the magazine rack together with subscriptions to popular children's magazines to be placed on display to encourage interest in good literature.

Cumulative records pertaining to each child are now in the hands of each classroom teacher. Records of tests and other data are kept in these folders which are then handed on each year to enable the teachers to know their children more quickly and easily.

A new meat slicer has been purchased for the school cafeteria and has proven to be of tremendous assistance to the cafeteria staff.

ATHLETICS

This year, because of the class in the gymnasium it has been necessary to curtail the physical education program started last year whereby each teacher in Grades One to Five was allotted one period a week to take their class to the gymnasium for organized play activity. However, physical education classes are being held for the students in Grades Six, Seven and Eight under the direction of the Physical Education Supervisors, Mrs. Eleanor Lozeau and Mr. David Phillips. Basketball and baseball teams representing the school played full schedules last year and this same program will be continued this year. Volleyball has caught the interest of the students, especially the girls, with girls games with North Reading being played.

EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATES

These certificates, which are required by State law for all boys and girls between the ages of 14 to 21 who wish to work, may be obtained from the Principal at his office between the hours of 9 A.M. and 3 P.M., Monday through Friday. Applicants for these certificates must present a birth certificate and evidence of schooling (diploma or report card) when applying. Any questions about this matter may be answered by telephoning the Principal's office.

COMMUNITY USE OF THE BUILDING

The school facilities continue to be employed by various groups in the community. The Ladies Auxiliary of the Veterans of Foreign Wars has conducted a first aid course for townspeople as a public service using one of the classrooms once a week for a period of weeks. The two churches and their various societies have employed the school facilities from time to time. Girl Scouts and Boy Scouts have used the building for meetings and planned programs. The gymnasium is in use three nights a week for older boys who play basketball under adult supervision. The auditorium is now the established place for the annual Town Meeting and also for Special Town Meetings. A copy governing the use of school facilities may be obtained from the Principal's office.

CONCLUSION

The preservation of the American way of life is one of the major responsibilities of education. In the early days of our country, mastery of the Three R's only was all that was considered necessary. Today, as our society becomes more complicated, more and more schooling is deemed necessary to prepare our future citizens for what lies ahead of them. We, at Howe-Manning School, are attempting to recognize our responsibilities as the important beginning segment of the long process necessary to prepare today's children for the heritage that will be handed to them as tomorrow's citizens.

My appreciation is expressed here for the cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools, the School Committee, teachers, supervisors, Mr. Hayward, the Cafeteria staff, the Parent-Teacher Association, and to all who have assisted Howe-Manning School in any manner.

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND S. DOWER, JR.

Principal

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

This past year has been a very successful one as far as Health and Dental Programs have been concerned.

We feel very fortunate indeed to be the possessors of two fine pieces of equipment. The Massachusetts Vision Test and the Audiometer, both of which have been approved by the State Department of Health. Every child has been tested for both hearing and vision loss, and our failures are few in comparison to the number of children tested. Often times poor school work can be attributed to one of these difficulties, so it is very important to have immediate treatment or advice.

All children received the Patch Test and those that had positive reactions were x-rayed. All personnel were x-rayed. This is a state law which must be carried out every two years.

Immunization shots for diphtheria and tetanus were given in the spring and booster shots were given to those that had a lapse of two years.

A good many examinations, fillings, and extractions have been done by Dr. D'Urso in the Dental Clinic this year. The children have been very cooperative and seem to enjoy their visits.

Physical examinations were done by Dr. Rogers in Grades 1, 4, and 8. Any child in these grades is given a preference of having it done by their family physician or here at school. Sport physicals also were given to those participating actively in sports.

The usual height and weight program and head examinations were carried out.

Dr. Rogers and I would like to thank Mr. Dower, Mr. Rivard, Dr. D'Urso and the entire personnel for their cooperation and assistance.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUISE M. BRENNAN, R.N.

School Nurse

REPORT OF READING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

I am submitting with pleasure the annual report of my first year as Reading Consultant in Middleton. Since my responsibilities are actually twofold, this report has been divided into two sections, the first on the testing program, and the second on the reading program.

The Testing Program

The testing program that has been set up here in Middleton involves three major areas of testing: intelligence testing to determine what capacity a child has and what we may expect from him, achievement testing to determine how well a child is achieving in various subject fields as compared to national norms, and aptitude testing to determine in grade one the child's natural strengths and weaknesses for beginning reading.

The policy was established three years ago of giving the Stanford-Binet individual intelligence test to all entering first graders. About thirty of these were given last spring to the present first graders, and the remaining thirty-five were given early this fall. These tests have given the first grade teachers an indication of what they can expect from each child. A number of speech, language, emotional, and even visual difficulties were recognized in these tests alone. Since the school now has three test results on all children through grade three who began school in Middleton, this test is now being administered to the children in grades one through three who entered from other towns, so that our records may be complete.

Various group tests of intelligence have been given in the upper grades. This year a standardized intelligence testing program is being set up as follows. In adidtion to the Stanford-Binet test in grade one, the SRA Primary Mental Abilities Test will be given to all children in grades four and seven. In this way there will be a primary, intermediate, and junior high intelligence rating on every child. Also, in order to bring the records up to date, the California Mental Maturity test has just been administered to upper grade children on whom there is no mental capacity data.

Achievement testing is done at the end of every school year. In grades one through five the Metropolitan Achievement Test is used to measure a child's ability in a given subject, as compared to other

children in other schools. Last year the Iowa Achievement Test was introduced in grades six through eight. This test is administered by the teachers, and then sent back to the company to be scored by machine. The booklets are kept by the publisher, and the results of the test sent to the school.

The final test given is the Monroe Reading Aptitude test, which was given in November to first grade children. This test attempts to measure the particular visual, auditory, language, and other skills necessary in learning to read, and it indicates to the classroom teachers the specific strengths and weaknesses of each individual child. They now have a good idea of the skills and abilities of each first grade child in relation to reading.

The purpose of this entire testing program is for your child's teacher to know him better, and thus be better able to help him achieve his educational goals.

The Reading Program

When the school year began in Middleton this fall, there existed a remedial reading program which had been operating for the past three years. Much progress had been made, but there was still a fairly large number of children who were more or less severely retarded in reading. All but a few were able to read somewhat. However, there were some children in grades two and three who knew only a few words at sight.

The first action taken in setting up this year's reading program was to give an informal reading analysis to every child having difficulty with reading. A record was kept on this analysis, which is filed in the reading room. The purpose of this analysis was to learn the level at which each child could read comfortably, and also how well developed was his skill in attacking new words.

A change was made from last year's program in setting up the groups for teaching. Children have been grouped with other children who are capable of doing about the same kind of work, regardless of grade. In this way, the teacher can carefully cope with individual needs, since the material the children work in is the right difficulty for all members of their group.

The present teaching program consists of ten classes each day, from Monday through Thursday, of one-half hour each, ranging in size from three to eight. Fridays are spent in testing and conferences. There are fifty-six children in the school having special help in reading at the present time. This year the school was fortunate in receiving a new set of books for use in the remedial program. This means that the children have material to use which is appropriate to their skill, and which they have not seen before.

In the reading classes, the lesson time is spent in several areas of instruction. In the first place, the children work to build up a good sight vocabulary by studying individual words and doing silent and oral reading in appropriate material. Secondly, there is emphasis on phonetic skills, and learning ways of figuring out new words. Thirdly, stress is laid on meaning. The children do workbook exercises, answer questions, and discuss the stories read, in order to stimulate concentration on the meaning of the material, and not just the words. These three working areas form the basis of the remedial reading program.

It would be practically useless to have severely handicapped children in a remedial reading class, if there were no carry-over into their regular classroom work. The teachers have been working together, formally and informally, to correlate the reading program in the regular classroom with the remedial program. The actual teaching of reading in the classroom is not supervised by the reading consultant, but procedures and materials are recommended which are appropriate to the reading skills of the children in the remedial classes. The classroom teachers are extremely understanding and cooperative about providing help and materials to these children in conjunction with their remedial work. They have also made real progress in adjusting other areas of work, such as spelling and social studies, to children who can't read material for their particular grade. This adjustment is sometimes difficult, since there may not be easy material available on the particular subject being studied at any given time.

It is difficult to evaluate the reading program thoroughly this early in the year. However, real progress can be seen in all of the classes. Of course, if a child is severely handicapped in reading, the progress will be slow, and perhaps not noticeable for a while. There is no magic formula, unfortunately, for bringing even the most cooperative of children up to grade level in a month or two. However, there have been a number of comments made by the classroom teachers about individual pupils and the difference they are showing in their regular work. Also, remarkable improvement in self-confidence has been observed in some of the children, when they suddenly discovered that they could really succeed in some of their school work. These changes have carried into the classroom and been reflected in improved attitudes and achievement. Future plans consist of working steadily in the direction and toward the goals set forth in this report.

Respectfully submitted,

BARBARA PRINN
Reading Supervisor

REPORT OF MUSIC SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

I submit, with pleasure, this report of the music program in the Howe-Manning School in Middleton.

We are continually trying to improve the singing and music reading ability of the school child. Many rote songs are learned, and note reading is actually started by the end of the first grade. Folk dancing is also enjoyed in many classes.

The new autoharp purchased for the school is so easy to play that all teachers and even some pupils are able to accompany their songs. It is thoroughly enjoyed by all.

All the pupils of the two third grades will be instructed to play flutophones this year, as part of their music lesson. These greatly help in preparing a child for an instrument by the time he enters the fourth grade. This is the ideal time for a child to start instrumental lessons.

Our instrumental program in Middleton is continuing to enlarge, with many more children taking advantage of the instrumental instruction given at the school. The school orchestra meets every Wednesday during recess period. This group made their first appearance at Graduation, playing selections before the graduation and also playing the graduation march. The school orchestra performed this term at a December P.T.A. program, playing waltzes, marches and Christmas selections.

May I take this opportunity to thank all in the school system for their fine cooperation and friendliness.

Respectfully submitted,

DORIS M. NYQUIST

Music Supervisor

REPORT OF ART SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

The art program at the Howe-Manning School is planned to develop the natural creative abilities and esthetic sense of the child.

The child is encouraged to express himself freely, but taught nevertheless, such fundamental principles as he can comprehend. These are the principles of design, cool color harmony, warm color harmony, proportion, action, perspective, scale, and composition.

In order to develop a broad consciousness of the esthetic, a wide variety of media and techniques are employed. The following have either been used or are in planning: crayon, water color, poster paint, oil crayons, colored paper, paper sculpture, mobiles, scratch board, potato prints, clayola, ceramics, and group participation murals.

In the lower grades the child's natural love of coloring is encouraged. By accepting his concepts and imposing no adult standards upon him, his eagerness for expression is permitted to develop. The selection of subject matter is such that he is made more aware of his environment and socially accepted ideas.

In the middle grades the variety of media is increased, and the subject matter more related to academic work.

In the upper grades the training is a little more formal and emphasis is upon drawing, perspective, composition, and assembly or craft type of work.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD B. BRUZZO

Art Supervisor

REPORT OF THE HANDWRITING SUPERVISOR

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in the Middleton school for the school year of 1953-54.

In the initial handwriting tests administered to your pupils in September 1951, 6.2% of the pupils received a grade of "A" (Excellent); 14.5% received a grade of "B" (Good); and 79.1% scored less than "B". In the tests administered in June 1954, 74.1% of the pupils received a grade of "A"; 17.3% received a score of "B"; and 8.6% received a grade of less than "B". Handwriting certificates were awarded to 70% of your pupils.

During the school year we graded approximately 3000 formal and 9000 informal samples of handwriting for your pupils. A formal test was administered at four teaching-week intervals and a report was furnished each teacher giving a careful diagnosis of the handwriting of each pupil in the room.

We furnished the following instructional materials: teachers' outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, handedness tests, individual handwriting certificates to pupils who qualified, monthly and term envelopes, seals, etc.

My supervisors join with me in expressing our appreciation for the splendid cooperation we have received from you and your teachers at all times. We are very pleased with the results obtained in your schools.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. RINEHART

Director

REPORT OF THE DENTAL CLINIC

To the Superintendent of Schools of the Town of Middleton:

The Dental Clinic has just completed a very successful year.

The clinic is operating two mornings a week. The children's teeth are examined at least once a year and a report is sent home to the parents notifying them of the dental defects which are present. The parents are then requested to consult their own dentist for treatment or they may request treatment by the school dentist.

I has been very gratifying to see a larger number of the children seeking dental treatment either in the school or by the family dentist. I believe that a great improvement can be seen in the condition of the children's teeth.

We are striving not only to correct the dental defects which are already present in the teeth of these children, but also to minimize future decay by instructing them in the importance of proper oral hygiene and in regular dental checkup by the dentist.

Respectfully submitted,

S. J. D'URSO, D.M.D.

School Dentist

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